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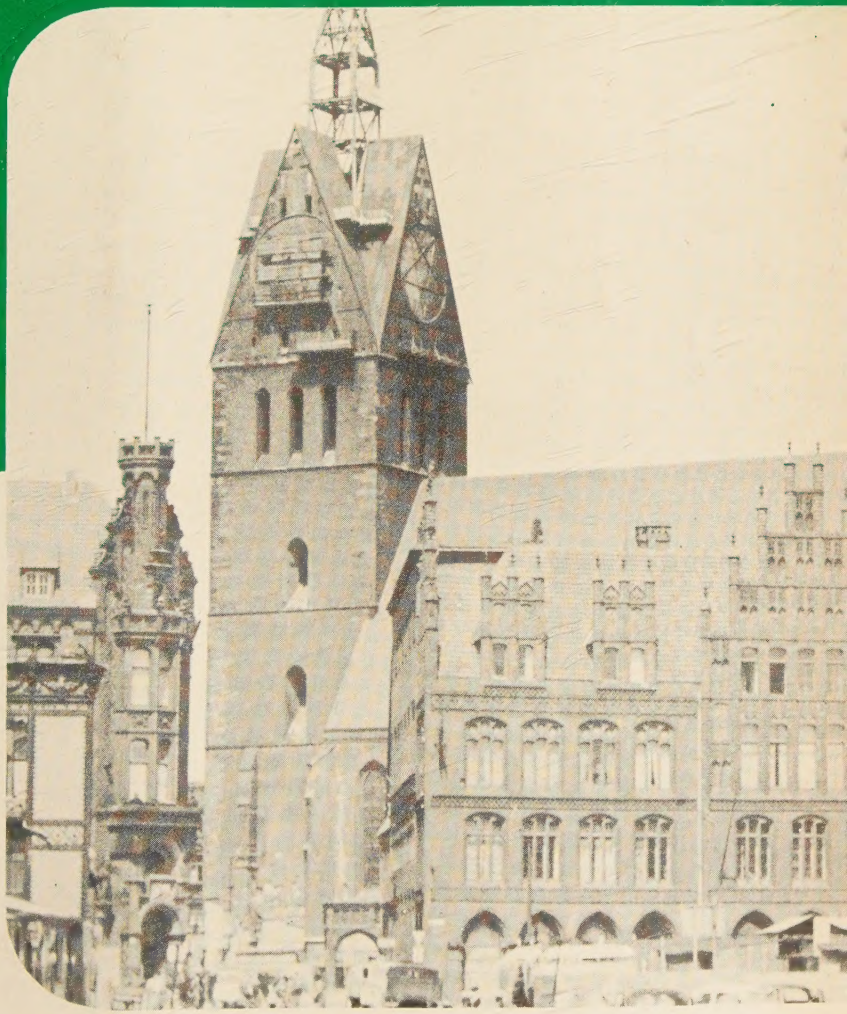

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Delegates to Lutheran World Federation Assembly communed here

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The Pastor Didn't Forget

DURING THE "FLU" EPIDEMIC some years ago, my entire family was stricken at the same time. Hospitals were crowded, but we were able to get in a small, dreary institution in a distant part of town. Doctors and nurses were overworked. Days dragged long, and nights seemed longer. Even the world outside, as seen from the windows, was bleak. Visitors were forbidden.

One afternoon I awoke from an uneasy sleep to see my pastor standing beside my bed. It was a surprise, for the hospital was a long distance from his home and the weather was extremely bad.

"Aren't you afraid to come into this contagion ward?" I asked.

He answered gently, but confidently. "No, I'm not afraid. I've been visiting con in the homes of my parishioners dur of this epidemic. You see, I belie promises of the 121st Psalm."

He opened his Bible and read, "I w up mine eyes unto the hills from w cometh my help" and on to the end Psalm—"The Lord shall preserve thy out, and thy coming in, from this tim and even forevermore."

He never could have realized how his visit meant to me. I have treas through the years as a real express faith in action. This pastor's sermon neither scholarly nor eloquent, but lieved and lived the words he pre

—FLORENCE DUNCAN L

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THE CHURCH IN THE NEW

Faces and figures

Pictures of former treasurer Dr. Henry Beisler and of the present officers of the ULCA were added to the gallery that looked down from the walls of the Board Room in New York's Lutheran Church House as the Executive Board worked its way through a crowded business session on July 9 and 10. Records, resolutions and recommendations of importance had to be considered for presentation to the church convention at Seattle in October.

Most pressing decisions were those relating to finances. Added to the difficulty of these was the fact that the church has to plan three years ahead. A 1955 budget is hard to foresee in 1952.

Missions at home and abroad, pensions and promotional programs all desperately needed extra funds, the board found.

$6,000,000 budget

Taking a deep breath, but encouraged by the progress the church has made in its stewardship in recent years, the Board took the plunge. In 1954 the total asked for the ULCA from its synods will be $6,002,590. In 1955 the figure will be $6,008,090.

That these totals are slightly above 1953's $5,232,400 will come as no surprise to those who are aware of the increased demands upon the church and the increased cost of almost everything.

Adjustments in the budget included the transfer of items formerly included in the emergency Part II category to Part I. Part II, which is allocated at the close of the year by a special commission, will be cut to 9.1 per cent of the total budget. Biggest increases will go to home missions and pensions. The Board of Publication, which never before in ULCA history has gotten a regular allotment, will be g $65,000 to make up part of the d it incurs in publishing THE LUTHERA

The Executive Board's budget re mendations will be placed before the tober convention, where they are su to approval or adjustment.

Home missions gets increase

Largest item on the new budget i $2,206,500 to be provided each yea the Board of American Missions. amount could be increased by alloca from Part II. It compares with $1,53 received by the Board of American sions from both sources in 1951.

To finance the record-breaking ber of new congregations being o ized and to meet the sharply incr building costs for mission chapels Board of American Missions had considering a church-wide appeal. proposed budget increases will help the problem in 1954 and afterwar Board of American Missions at its meeting voiced the hope that synod congregations would extend them to provide a large sum in Part II ULCA budgets for '52 and '53. So this, they hoped, would then be allo to help meet urgent current need church extension.

Pension increase proposed

Both Executive Board and Boa Pensions have been concerned abo small pensions now being paid to r pastors and their widows. Some s have taken individual action to au payments for their members. Othe present memorials to the Seattle co tion asking higher pensions.

The Executive Board concurred

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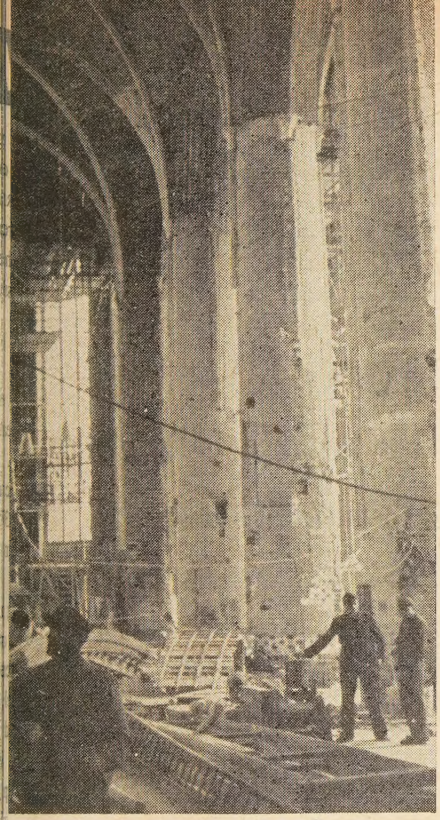


MARKTKIRCHE IN MID-JUNE
Workmen were still busy last week

commendation which the Pension oard will present to the church at Seattle. provides a minimum pension for all tired and disabled pastors and mission- ies of the ULCA of $900 a year, with 450 a year for widows. To meet the ost of such a pension, the Pension Board ill require an additional $200,000 a ar for the next 30 years. After that ne, practically all pastors who retire ill have the full protection of the Con- ibutory Plan which will give them a etime income higher than $900.

Realizing that $900 is still not ade- uate, the Board proposes to continue its udy of means by which it can raise the nual grant at least to $1,200.

Crowded calendar at Seattle

There are never enough minutes in the day when the ULCA is in convention. Reports, discussion and special presentations crowd every second of available time and often the presidential gavel has to fall on interesting debate. An unusually heavy amount of business and slight reduction in convention time will cause abbreviation of some reports this year, the Executive Board heard from its officers.

Special events planned will include a home mission rally, a young people's program, the LLM stewardship dinner and a dramatic presentation based on the convention theme, "The Bible in Daily Living." At the opening communion service to be held Wednesday evening, Oct. 8, in University Temple, President Franklin Clark Fry will preach. The celebrant, Secretary F. Eppling Reinartz, will be assisted by synod presidents Charles E. Fritz (Georgia-Alabama), Alfred J. Beil (Iowa), Theodore J. C. Schuldt (Nebraska) and Royal E. Lesher (Texas).

Business sessions will be held in the Olympic Hotel from Thursday morning, Oct. 9, to Wednesday afternoon, Oct. 15. Each session will be opened by devotions led by the chaplain, the Rev. Harold R. Albert of Columbus, Ohio.

Gathering at Hannover

Workmen were still hastily putting finishing touches on the big reconstruction and repair job being done at Hannover's *Marktkirche* as the first delegates to the Lutheran World Federation Assembly arrived in that city last week. On the city's main street the visitors found rows of newly built stores which gave the old German city somewhat the look of a thriving town on the U.S. western plains. But only a few blocks off the main street there were still signs of destruction

MONUMENT TO DESTRUCTION
Aegidien Church in Hannover, burned out during the war and not yet rebuilt

wrought by war—bombed-out churches, vacant lots, gaping foundation holes where houses once stood (*see cuts*).

At the same time as the LWF Assembly a world-wide Lutheran Youth Convention was under way at Hannover. Among nearly 2,000 delegates were 300 from the U.S. and Canada. The young people are participating in the major programs of the Assembly and meeting for daily programs of their own. American leaders conducting sessions are Pastor Alvin Rogness (ELC) and Miss Mary Sandberg (Augustana).

Competition at Ottawa

Lutheran youth groups not participating in the Hannover convention met in mid-July at Ottawa, Canada, wh World Federation of Lutheran Youth organized in connection with the annual convention of the Internat Walther League, youth organizatio the Missouri Synod. The federation comprise all youth groups affiliated the churches of the Missouri Syn foreign lands. Delegates from groups will be invited to the W League's 1953 convention at Chicag

The 1,400 delegates and visitors Ottawa sessions voted to raise $10 to cover expenses for the new group, as well as for other phases Walther League Christian Youth Mi

East Germans Barred

At least 5,000 Lutherans from Germany who had planned to atter Hannover meeting had to change plans last week. Soviet authoriti structed police not to issue travel p to them, thereby barring them fro tending the Assembly.

Last January, East Germany's Pre Wilhelm Pieck had assured Bishop A Nygren, of Sweden, president of th theran World Federation, and I Hans Meiser, of Munich, chairman LWF's German national committe travel permits would be freely issu the trip to Hannover. Since that East German authorities have sea the border between East and Wes many as a countermove against th ing of the West German Pact.

Prayer for peace at Olympics

"Unite all nations of the world in and harmony" prayed Lutheran bishop Ilmari Johannes Salomies, p of the Finnish Church, at the forma mony opening the Olympic gam Helsinki on July 19.

"Teach us to regard each othe understanding, forbearance and

oss the frontiers separating us . . . that erences and hate may be overcome," ed the Archbishop. The prayer was in in.

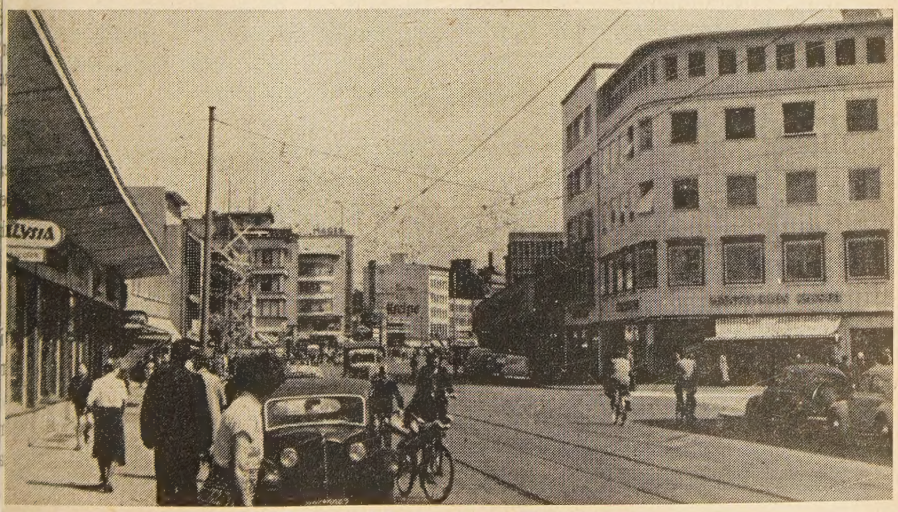
Helsinki congregations have arranged extensive program to care for the spir- il needs of the 6,000 athletes from 63 ions who have gathered for the quad- nial international event. Services will held each day in one of the city's rches, with a nightly open-air service which speakers of various nationalities l participate. The Lutheran church at pyla, Helsinki suburb where the games l be staged, has been designated the cial Olympic church. There will be ly broadcasts of hymns from the rch tower and a daily 7 A.M. service in glish. A chapel accommodating 1,000 rshipers has been erected near the mpic Village for members of the Ro- n Catholic faith among the contestants.

secution in Colombia?

In recent months both secular and re- ous press in the United States have led attention to attacks upon Protestants in the South American land of Colombia. An article in *The New York Times* on June 21 said "Protestant groups in the United States, aided by the Confederation of Evangelical Churches of Colombia, have compiled reports attesting to more than 500 incidents of religious persecution allegedly incited by the Roman Catholic hierarchy there."

Last week the Vatican newspaper *L'Osservatore Romano* charged that Protestant propaganda was carrying on an intense campaign of disparagement against the Roman Catholic hierarchy and laity in Colombia. Information gathered by Roman Catholic quarters, said *L'Osservatore,* show that the reports published here were false, misleading, and "pure anti-Catholic propaganda."

The Vatican paper said that "irresponsible elements" in Colombia had caused some incidents, but that these could not be attributed to the ecclesiastical hierarchy "which, though putting the faithful on their guard against the dangers of heresy, has never in any way encouraged violence against . . . Protestants."



LIKE A MIDWESTERN TOWN
New buildings in Hannover replace those bombed-out during war

New role for missions

A generation ago Christian nations sent out missionaries to the heathen nations of the world. Now there's sharp doubt as to which is which, the world missionary conference at Willingen, Germany, was told last week.

"The West can no longer look upon us in the East as heathendom while it calls itself Christendom," said Dr. C. P. Charles, secretary of the Burma Christian Council, as he urged a new outlook on the part of Western Christians toward the non-Christian nations.

"The role of the missionary is no longer the same as it was formerly," added the Rev. Andrew Thaukur Das, secretary of the Pakistan Christian Council. "Missionaries will always be needed in my country," he said, "but today the foreign missionary and the Pakistani Christian must work side by side as two arms of the body of Christ. If the missionary has special training and skills we want his help, but he must identify himself with the people among whom he works."

Missionaries should give up theological terminology in communicating what they have to say, urged Dr. Paul Lehman, professor at Princeton University. "We have to communicate with the world as well as with the church."

The meeting, sponsored by the International Missionary Council, brought together missionaries and mission executives from 50 countries. Changes in the world situation and their application to Christian missions were explored by delegates in group sessions.

New Rosary device counts prayers

A device which automatically keeps count of prayers said has been invented by a Minnesota Roman Catholic, Damon M. Doherty. The patented gadget is a flat plastic case, containing Rosary, including a Crucifix. As the user fini each prayer, he pushes a plunger nea top of the recorder and a pointer revolving disc points to the next b The device has the full approva church officials, Mr. Doherty said.

Although manufacture of the d has just started, Mr. Doherty says h sold many and has many orders, in ing a request for 500 which will be s gled behind the Iron Curtain into Po

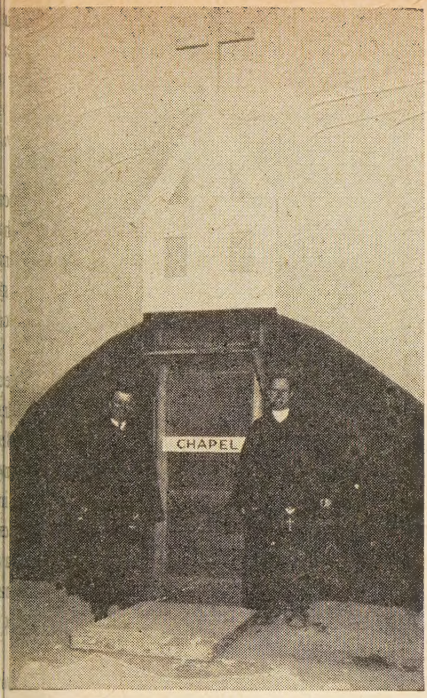
Mr. Doherty said he gave many of thought to his invention bec Rosary prayers for peace are addr to the Virgin Mary and "the Bl Mother has played a large part in m and I want to promote the Rosary i honor." He was led to develop the d because he found it difficult to say Rosary while working or driving h when he would be interrupted and his place on the string of beads.

According to *The Catholic Encyc dia,* "The Rosary is a form of pray which we say fifteen decades or te Hail Marys with an Our Father bet eaeh ten, while at each of these fi decades we recall successively in meditation some one of the mysteri our Redemption." The beads are us a counting apparatus.

New name

When the ULCA was organize 1918, it established a "Board of Su School Work." Two years later Board made its first report and pres a constitution in which its name be "The Parish and Church-School Bo Since then the hyphen has disappe but the name has stayed.

At its July meeting, the Board posed a constitutional amendment t sent to the delegates at Seattle. Fro on, it wants to be "The Board of E Education." This name is similar to



NORTHERNMOST CHURCH
nly a few hundred miles from the North ole, Chaplains Don Clover and Knute e stand before chapel which serves vilian construction workers on defense oject. Chapel is set into the ground as otection against Arctic winds

ed in other Protestant bodies and re- cts the expanding concept of education, nich is now identified with the whole e of the congregation, the Board feels. An increase in the size of its member- ip will also be proposed. With 12 mem- rs, it is now smallest in number of mem- rs among the boards of the church. nree lay members would be added by e proposed change.

dvice for corporations

A 400-page book telling corporations w to set up a long-range program to ve five per cent of their income to tax-exempt religious, educational and charitable organizations has been issued by the National Planning Association of Washington. The association said the new publication has been prepared in response to heavy demand from business organizations which literally "gobbled up" 75,000 copies of a similar booklet issued last year. Entitled *The Manual of Corporate Giving,* the new volume has been edited by two well-known economists, Beardsley Ruml and Theodore Geiger.

And so forth

Construction of new churches in the U.S. during the first half of 1952 was 19 per cent lower than the value of such construction started in the first half of 1951, according to a report issued by the Departments of Commerce and Labor. Effects of the steel strike were expected to cut still more into church building operations.

Lutheran missions have been started in 17 areas in and around Hong Kong, the Lutheran World Federation reports. Hong Kong's population has grown from 700,000 to 2,300,000 in recent years due to the influx of refugees from Red China.

Dr. Wilhelm Hahn has been elected Bishop of Oldenburg by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in that area of Western Germany, succeeding Bishop Wilhelm Staehlin, who retired because of age.

In its closing rush, Congress gave final approval to a bill raising to 20 per cent the amount of an individual's income that may be exempt from income tax because of contributions to religious, educational or charitable organizations. The Senate Finance Committee said this more liberal limit (it was formerly 15 per cent) would give much-needed relief to private schools, colleges, hospitals and other organizations.

World News Notes

Soviet's bulletins barred

No longer will the *U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin* and *New Hungary* bring messages of the glories of life behind the Iron Curtain to American readers. Because of Russian restrictions upon the U.S. State Department's magazine *Amerika,* which prevented its circulation in communist countries, the U.S. reciprocated last week by requesting the suspension of the Russian publications.

Amerika was a large, slick-paper magazine patterned after *Life.* In 1944 by agreement 10,000 copies were distributed in Russia "as a means of furthering understanding between the Russian and American peoples." Its popularity in Russia increased its circulation to 50,000 copies in 1947 before the Soviet government began to restrict it. Russian readers paid 5 rubles ($1.30) for each copy.

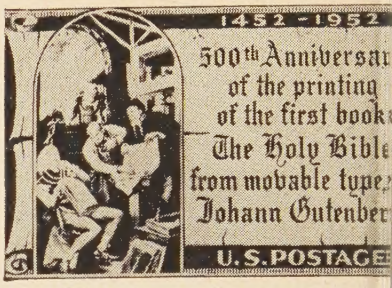
Government opposition reduced the circulation steadily until recent issues sold only about 15,000 copies. This about equaled the American circulation of the *U.S.S.R. Information Bulletin,* distributed free by the Soviet Embassy here.

Stamp honors first printed Bible

The U.S. Post Office Department will on Sept. 30 issue a commemorative stamp in honor of the 500th anniversary of the printing of the Gutenberg Bible, the first book ever to be printed from movable metal type.

Issuance of the stamp will coincide with the publication of the Revised Standard Version of the entire Bible. On the same day a delegation of leaders from major Protestant denominations will present a copy of the new Bible version to President Truman in a White House ceremony.

The book published by Johann Gutenberg in 1452 was Jerome's Latin tra tion of the Scriptures, the Vulgate.



NEW STAMP HONORS BIBLE

Tax on babies

Governments in need of money found ways to tax almost every either directly or indirectly. But i Karnal district of India's Punjab ta lectors have reached a new high in cradle-to-grave activities.

Hereafter it will cost a boy one (about $21) to embark upon life girl half that amount. Failure to pa birth tax on all children born with district will make the parent or gu liable for a fine of up to 50 rupees.

Marriage rate declines

Fewer marriages took place in th last year than at any time since the Federal Security Agency report week. The divorce rate also fell.

The depression drop in birth rat ing the 1930's and the wave of ma during World War II which snapp most eligible young people were r advanced by the Federal agency decline in weddings. This would plain the divorce figure, the agen mitted.

Divorces reached their lowest since 1941, a decline of 44 per cen 1946 when the all-time high was s

PASSPORT RULINGS CHALLENGED

THE PASSPORT DIVISION of the State Department has a reputation for being a law to itself. It has authority to grant or refuse passports to citizens who want to travel abroad. This is based on a law which gives the Secretary of State power to grant passports "under such rules as the President may designate and prescribe." Ordinarily, the issuing of passports is a routine procedure. Thousands of Americans every year travel to various parts of the world to see the sights, to visit relatives, or to attend international meetings. An application is filed, and in two or three weeks a passport is issued.

No defense allowed

Occasionally, however, a passport is denied. The usual explanation is that it would not be "in the best interests of the United States." The decision may be based on fact or rumor, but the citizen does not have a chance to defend himself against any charges that might be involved.

There have been several recent instances of this trend. Dr. J. Henry Carpenter, a prominent Brooklyn churchman, was denied a passport without any reason being given. Owen Lattimore, on the basis of a false "tip" that he planned to travel behind the Iron Curtain, was refused permission to leave the country when he had not even applied for a passport.

A Lutheran student was almost refused a passport because he said he planned to attend the "Hannover Youth Assembly." Thinking this might be a communist-inspired meeting, the passport division delayed the application. On learning that the Assembly would be held under responsible auspices, the State Department issued the passport two hours before time for the ship to leave an East Coast port.

Protest

Many people have been irked by the refusal of the passport division to give reasons for their decisions. Senator Wayne Morse launched a tirade on the Senate floor against the autocratic manner in which passports are refused, and asked for a revision of the law to make decisions on passports subject to review by an impartial board.

Unexpected support for this viewpoint came recently from a federal court decision. A three-judge court ruled that the State Department lacks power to deny or cancel passports on the bald statement that it is "in the best interests of the United States."

Anne Bauer, a naturalized American working in France as a free-lance journalist, had her passport revoked without notice or hearing. She appealed the decision to a federal court. The judges ruled that the law on which the action was based is constitutional, but that it was applied in such a manner as to deprive Miss Bauer of her right to "due process of law."

The decision contained this significant observation: "This court is not willing to subscribe to the view that the executive power includes any absolute discretion which may encroach on the individual's constitutional rights . . . The regulation of passports must be administered, not arbitrarily or capriciously, but fairly."

The State Department may appeal the decision to the Supreme Court. If it decides not to do so, or if the Supreme Court upholds the present ruling, a procedure will have to be set up to hold hearings on contested passport decisions.

—ROBERT E. VAN DEUSEN

The Program Worked Two Ways

By KATHERINE BENION

Successful evangelism campaign in Pennsylvania church won n members and gave the whole congregation a big spiritual

"YOU ARE GOING to get tired of shaking hands with so many people," Pastor Robert W. Koons was told by a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Sunbury, Pennsylvania, after a recent Sunday morning service.

This lady, like all Zion's members, was noticing the results of the evangelism program started early this year. Already more than 600 calls had been mad by a hundred members who had gone out into the community and talked to others about their church and their Christian faith. More than 150 adults had signed commitments to join the church or to renew their lapsed membership. Plans were being initiated for a permanent program of evangelism in Zion.

"The spiritual effect of the evangelism program upon the congregation has been as great if not greater than the increased attendance and the membership gain," said Pastor Koons. The foundation for this spiritual effect had been well laid. Every member of the congregation was made to feel an important part of the program. He was introduced to all aspects of evangelism through sermons and literature. No department or organization of the church was overlooked. Church council, Luther League, Women of the Church, Men of Zion, Sunday school teachers—all had their part in the intensive campaign.

CAREFUL PLANNING RATES as a top reason for success of the program.

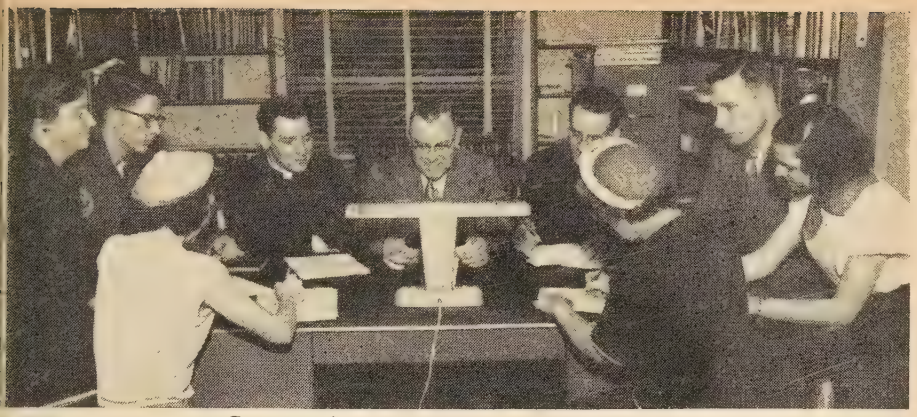
Largely under the leadership of ULCA Board of Social Missions and the theran Commission on Evangelism, thousa of congregations in the U.S. and Can have during the past few years added m bers to their active rolls through a prog of visitation evangelism. The story of program at Zion Church, Sunbury, Penn vania, is presented in detail since it is ilar to many efforts elsewhere.

In April 1950 Pastor Koons c to Zion. There was still much t done among the 2,118 confirmed m bers and Pastor Koons knew the e gelism program would have to wait was to be effectively planned and ca out. Nevertheless, it remained prom in the young pastor's mind and he ever seeking ideas that could be when the time came.

The ideal man for this planned gram came to Zion as assistant past May '51. He was the Rev. C. W Peterman, former pastor in Erie, P sylvania. As director of evangelism the Erie Conference and the Pittsb Synod, Pastor Peterman had valuabl perience in the work about to be u taken at Zion.

The two pastors began to lay plan action by appointing a committee Raymond C. Bettleyon, church co man and zealous worker, as chairm

Next came the all-important ta selecting visitors from the congreg



CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLANNED THE PROGRAM
Chairman Bettleyon is presiding

o form the large group asked to visit all nactive and prospective members—a big ob in Sunbury's city of 17,000 people.

When Pastors Koons and Peterman old the visitors that they would be pre- ented with a long list of potential mem- ers, they meant it. Miss Rosaline Bailey, arish secretary; Mrs. Leroy Bingaman, ssistant parish secretary; and Miss Flor- nce Lamason, a church member, worked bout three weeks to go over all records. hey made a list of members who had ot communed regularly and searched he records of all pastoral acts—baptisms, veddings, funerals—to sift out prospects. ach Sunday school teacher came for- vard with additional names to add to the ist.

As the lists neared completion, Pastors oons and Peterman explained that they id not want the sensational, spectacular ype of evangelism campaign which brings n a large number of members and stops here. "That type," explained Pastor oons, "is like a skyrocket. It goes up nd makes a brilliant light. Then it dies ut and when it comes down only a dark, harred core remains. We want instead year-round evangelism program planned o bring the largest number of spiritual benefits into the life of the congregation."

The central committee then decided there would be three phases to the program—to bring within the church the unchurched in the community, to revive the interest of the inactive, and to deepen the spiritual life of the congregation.

THE PASTORS BEGAN USING the approaching drive as an opportunity to train not only the visitors but all of Zion's membership in winning members for the church. In a series of five sermons preceding the commissioning of the 100 visitors, Pastor Peterman brought before the congregation such questions as "What kind of a witness are you? What type of influence are you having on others? What do people think of Christ as they look at you as His disciple?"

Pastor Koons told how the people introduced a blind man to Jesus by saying, "Jesus of Nazareth passeth by." Then he said, "The man in the Gospel was blind. He is a symbol of the general need of the world today. It needs an introduction to Him, so that everywhere men may open their eyes to see Him and the eternal supremacy of love over hate, truth over lies, sacrifice over selfishness. But such a

miracle must have a personal beginning. The starting point is with individuals—countless individuals right here in our own community who need an introduction to Jesus, who need their vision restored."

ASSIGNMENTS IN HAND, the visitors went out and eagerly began their work. Most of them explained how God had constantly met their needs and helped solve their problems. If at all possible, they obtained a definite commitment to join or renew membership in Zion. In any event they noted their findings on paper that they might be of future use to pastors and visitors.

After two hours of visiting they returned to the church and made their reports. Over cookies and coffee they exchanged experiences with each other and told many happenings to the pastors.

Some had received two, three, and four commitments. Some had obtained none. "This sharing of experiences was one of the chief values of reporting back," said Pastor Koons. "The couple with no immediate success in the form of commitments talked with the ones who did determined they would have similar cess the next time."

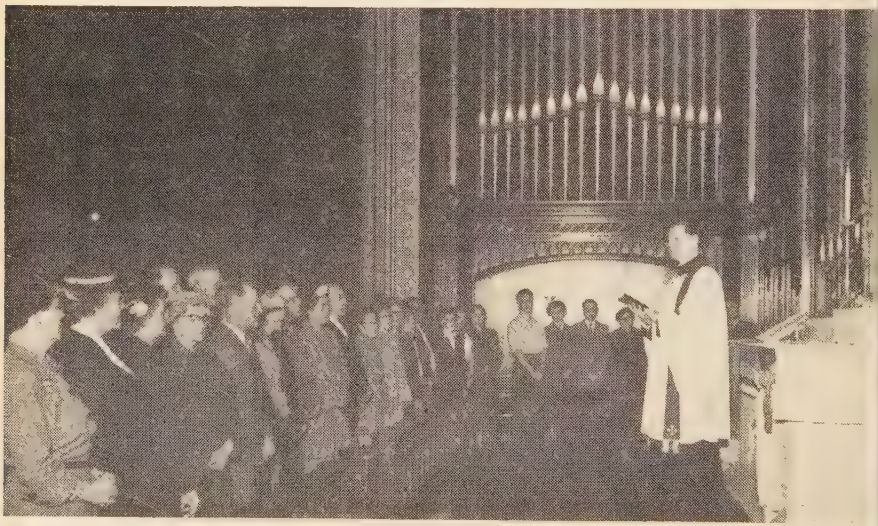
Eager conversation soon revealed who did not have heart-warming ex ences. Many had a new appreciatio the need of the Christian life by all.

ONE WOMAN, FINDING her partner not come, had said in the early eve "I guess I'll go home. I'm tired a really don't feel able to go."

But after some persuasion she with someone else. When she retu she said, "I'm not tired at all any I feel so much better in every way."

Another lady hesitated as she we get her assignment. "I just don't f have enough education," she said can't talk and explain things very But once again a little persuasion di trick and she agreed to go.

Placed with a schoolteacher, she through admirably and afterwards mented, "I just told them what my ch and my faith meant to me." Now was enthusiastic about the program.



THE VISITORS ARE COMMISSIONED
They opened the eyes of the blind

NEW MEMBERS RECEIVED
A topnotch record

d found that education is not a neces-
y in order to get a response to Christian
stimony honestly and sincerely given.

One couple came back with happy ex-
ement on their faces and in their con-
rsation. They had received commit-
ents from five adults and six young
lks, and one promise from an inactive
ember to start attending.

Incidents were happening which
owed members were looking about
em with their eyes more open for poten-
l members. For example, one lady re-
embered that one of her co-workers
d occasionally attended Sunday school
Zion. She approached her about com-
g back and also gave her name to the
urch. Visitors called upon her. The
sult was another member for Zion.

SOON THE WHOLE congregation took
tice of what was happening. The Ash
ednesday communion service saw a 30
r cent increase over the previous year.
n the following Sunday the attendance
as 585 compared with 441 the previous
eek. In the church school the good re-
lts were showing also. Here the attend-
ce was 731 as compared with 645 and
0 on preceding Sundays.

Immediate gains were a total 86 mem-
rs plus 70 commitments to renew lapsed memberships—a topnotch record consid-ering that Sunbury has been a static community during and since the war.

The pastors tell you that much remains to be done. "There were places where we did not get a warm reception," said Pastor Koons. "This helped to make all of us more aware of the need of more continuous evangelism work."

Typical of this type was the home where the visitors called and apparently finding no one at home left a card. The next time the same process was repeated. The third time they visited the home they found a card hanging on the door which had written on it, "We are definitely not at home!"

MAIN PART OF THE follow-up program is carried on by the central committee and the church council. The organizations lend a helping hand. The Men of Zion provide transportation to church for those who request it, and each year make several communion visitations. Last June they visited 400 members and brought 50 who had not been communing regularly to do so.

The church council will visit regularly among the sick and shut-in. Each man will be given a list of people to visit during the month on nights of his choice.

Pastors Koons and Peterman have already started to place emphasis on other vital parts of their ongoing program—"The Family Altar" and "The Family Pew." Tentative plans have been made for a series of district cottage meetings.

Every member asked to participate in the ongoing program has been enthusiastic about doing so. On Monday nights during the year visitors will gather at the church and be assigned several homes to visit. Active and inactive members alike will be visited with the visitors ever on the alert for ways in which the church can be of service to any who need her help.

Members are not taken by surprise. A form letter stating that some of their fellow members will be visiting them the next Monday night is always sent in advance. Should the evening not be suitable they are asked to notify the church c and another evening is designated. " is a great time-saver," explained P Koons. "It also assures a more plea and worthwhile visit for all concern

As the work of evangelism grows ditional people will be called to serv visitors. All members will have an portunity to serve in the work in one or another. "It's a real thrill to ex ence a program like this," said an el lady recently. "Before, I was a church worker in the ways most pe are. But now I see so much more t each day. I visit many more of my friends, send more cheerful message others I cannot get to see, and it see now notice more people that I try t terest in the church. The evangelism gram has given me as great a spiritua as anyone I may have helped."

A New Hand for Peter

Peter Taurens left his right hand and two fingers from his left in a detention camp in Germany. There had been an explosion.

His parents had been sent to Siberia when he was younger. Some friends had adopted him; but they were killed during the war. Peter, now three months in America, worships each Sunday at the Church of the Good Shepherd, Brooklyn.

Peter wanted a new hand. He's learning to be an interior painter and the new hand would help him at his work . . . help him make his own way in America. Too, he could pass the offering plate on Sundays much better—even unnoticed. They had told him the new hand—a recent plastic discovery—couldn't be told from a natural hand. So the idea had intrigued Peter very much indeed.

But a new hand cost $200. Last week the pastor said to Peter, "We'll find somebody who will pay for your new hand."

"But how, Pastor Sunday?" questioned Peter.

"We will find someone who has faith in you, because you have faith in yourself."

A new hand is now being made for Peter . . .

—Roscoe Brown Fisher

CHRISTIANS IN KINDERGARTEN

A PICTURE STORY

TEXT BY CATHARINE JURAM

In many Lutheran churches throughout the land, Christian kindergartens are now erving children and their parents. Pastor John L. Yost Jr., explained this project when e told members of his congregation in Savannah, Georgia, that "the only right we have o enter this field is to bring our children a thorough Christian atmosphere for their raining in the younger and tender years of kindergarten age."

Pictures on these pages show the kindergartens now in operation at St. Paul's hurch, Savannah, and at Trinity Church, Greenville, South Carolina. Both surmounted any difficulties while establishing the schools, now render service to their communities n an unprecedented scale.

Above, Pastor Yost explains the meaning of the cross on the altar to a group of he Savannah children as they gather in the chapel for an instruction period.

At Trinity Church in Greenville children arrive by station wagon to begin the ... adventure in Sister Esther Bunge's kindergarten. Transportation is an important fact... the success of the school. At Savannah the kindergarten originally bought an old... bus for $300 and used the sexton of the church as driver. Now a new 36-passenge... adequately meets the need for transporting the children to and from their classr...

Sister Esther gathers all the children together during the first part of the mo... for hymn singing, prayer, and Bible story time. "Children are helped to interpret... own personalities and relationships from the Christian point of view. They learn ... which give them a foundation for living according to Christ's teachings," she exp...

Later in the morning, children are separated into age groups. Younger children with toys, do simple handwork and listen to stories and music. The older group ys more grown-up pastimes like simple dramatic efforts; artistry with clay, paint yons, scissors and paste; rhythm band concerts and educational games. Most kinder- tens are divided into nursery (3- and 4-year-old) and advanced (5-year-old) groups.

hildren learn the principles of Chris- living through play together out-of- s. They learn to take turns, to share , and to respect the rights of others.

At Savannah, 65 children are enrolled. Pastor Yost directs the school, aided by a superintendent, Mrs. Edwin Neikirk, two other instructors and a director of music.

Even the tiny tots are fascinated by the Bible stories that are presented to along with their play programs, musical studies, and ventures into the alphabet. a rapt audience listens as a teacher at the Savannah school tells the story behin picture of Jesus and the children.

Children of many different faiths attend the kindergarten at the Savannah ch

Says Pastor Yost, "Jews, Roman Catholics, Greek Catholics and representativ almost all Protestant groups are in our student body. Regardless of their backgr we give them every opportunity to have a Christian experience in living. The Chri atmosphere is woven into the daily session. We try not to draw a definite line, div Bible and religious stories from other activities. In all the schedule we try to crea awareness of the presence, care and love of God. Jesus is made real to them i classroom as well as in the chapel service."

Because of the growth of the school, the Savannah congregation now plans to a first grade in the fall, as the result of a demand on the part of parents. The sch entirely self-supporting, with funds on hand to help start the first grade venture.

"Parents have been high in their praise of our work," the pastor says. "We that God has truly blessed us and is using us."

Success of the Christian kindergartens in Savannah and Greenville, which are a the pioneers in this new movement, has been an inspiration for others in the ULCA.

he Teacher Isn't Afraid

JOYCE VERNON DRAKE

Teaching carpentry to hardened convicts can be perilous, but it can also offer an opportunity for Christian service

THE TEACHER STOOD AT THE DOOR of classroom as his pupils entered. He unted. Eleven men. There should be elve.

"Where is Langford?" asked the acher, although he did not expect an swer to his question. In this school ne of the pupils would offer information out another.

The teacher stepped to the door. There s Langford, convict No. 998473. The ard was giving him an unusually thor-gh search. A Shake-Down, they called . . the works. A slight bulkiness along e seam of No. 998473's trouser-leg had ught the attention of the alert guard, d before he was admitted to the class-om it must be examined and explained. e search was satisfactorily completed d No. 998473 was passed in by the ard.

"Good morning, Langford," the teacher d pleasantly. In this room all men had name, not a number. "All right, men. t's get at it."

THE TWELVE MEN WENT TO THE work les. Each was issued the tools needed his assignment for the day. The morn-session of District 173 of the State stem of Schools was under way.

It was a strange school—in a state son, considered one of the toughest nal institutions in the country, but intaining a school administered by the te Board of Education and employing ghly educated, trained and specialized teachers fully accredited by the education system of the state.

They were strange pupils—all inmates of the prison, but given a chance to study subjects or projects in which they were interested, and, if qualified, to choose subjects leading to a grammar school or high school diploma.

BUT THE TEACHER, a life-long Christian and churchman, would not agree that this was a strange school nor that these were strange pupils. An outstanding instructor in building, carpentry and wood-work, he had resigned his high school teaching position to accept this work in the prison school five years ago.

"I am a teacher," he tells all inquirers, "and this is my job. I am not rehabilitating criminals. I am teaching men to be builders."

A slender grey-haired man with a quiet manner and calm voice, the teacher's unwavering, steel-blue eyes reveal the strength of his character. Behind the calm voice is a ring of authority that commands the respect of his pupils.

THE TOOLS OF A CARPENTER are creative and constructive, but in the hands of men with uncontrolled or warped minds these same tools can be lethal. Yet, day after day, the teacher stands alone and unguarded with twelve men whom the world calls criminals. The tools in daily use in this class are those most wanted by many of the convicts—hammers, saws, knives. Over the years keeping account of these

tools was a problem to the prison authorities. In spite of daily searching of men in the carpentry class, tools continued to disappear. In the past five years less than six tools have been lost.

There are of necessity certain expedients to be observed in a prison school. The instructor never goes up to a pupil suddenly or unobserved. He gets the attention of the man, then moves slowly to him and inspects the work. An instructor rarely touches a man. He is careful not to encourage confidences. When a man dwells upon his past or his grievances, his thoughts are directed to the future and to the work at hand. Yet a successful teacher cannot escape hearing many stories and bizarre experiences. While the man will feel the understanding of a teacher he will never receive sympathy nor pity. A class may contain thieves and murderers, but to each goes the same kind, impersonal guidance.

ONE DAY IN THE CLASS of twelve, tempers and grudges suddenly flared and a fight was on between two men. The teacher gave a sharp command and stepped between them. A knife was hurled but landed harmlessly across the room. The class was tense and silen

"Go sit over there by the door cool off" said the teacher sternly t instigator of the trouble. Surprisingl trouble-maker obeyed submissively.

The routine of the class went for After a few minutes the teacher over to the man by the door. The with their backs to the class. "To I would do this to you, sir," said the with tears streaking down his cheek

"Temper is a bad business," the te said. "Come back to work."

"ARE YOU EVER AFRAID?" the teac often asked.

"Afraid?" The teacher laughs. "I have been afraid of my pupils."

Convict No. 957251 was leavin prison, going back to the outside came to bid goodby to the teacher

"I have been a thief all my life said. "But, sir, I never will steal Now I am a builder!"

The teacher of carpentry, wood and building in District 173 of the System of Schools never dreams tha doing full-time Christian work.

"I was in prison and ye came me . . ." said another Carpenter, lon

CALL ON HIM FOR STRENGTH

JULIE HARRIS, young Broadway actress who attained stardom in the play "I Am a Camera," received many messages of congratulation on the opening night of the play. Even before house lights dimmed and it was time for the nervous girl to go on stage, telegrams from friends poured into her dressing room, offering encouragement and good wishes.

Asked in a radio interview the next day about the message which helped her most, Miss Harris replied unhesitatingly "It was a wire from Ethel Waters, with whom I played in 'Member of the Wedding.' "

This was Miss Waters' message: "If you're nervous, call on Him for strength like you've seen me do so many times. Remember, He doesn't fail His sparrow."

—ERNESTINE S. DAUM

GOD'S WORD SAYS - -"

MABEL C. STEWART

Confessing Christ caused an Indian lad to lose his home, his wife and child until he found God's promises truly led to a happy ending

GHULAM MASIH stood facing the angry
n before him. He knew what was com-
. There would be an argument.

No one could mistake the profession
Ghulam Masih's opponent. The saffron
e draping his more than half naked
ly, the long, matted hair, rolled into a
ny knot on top of his head, the white
s painted on his forehead, the brass
vl and the three-pronged iron rod in
hands, the long string of prayer beads
und his neck—all proclaimed him a
hu, one of India's "holy" men, re-
ed and feared by everyone.

By all but Ghulam Masih, that is. In
heart was no fear, only a strange
ce. He was remembering a passage
the Word of God which now, with
meaning, spoke to his heart: "When
y deliver you up, take no thought how
what ye shall speak, for it shall be
n you in that same hour what ye shall
ak."

So you have turned away from the
gion of our great gods, Ram and Sita,"
angry Sadhu was saying, "and you
e gone over to these dogs of Chris-
s."

It is true," replied Ghulam Masih,
it I have left the faith of Ram and
, and have become a follower of the
d Jesus Christ, who bore our sins on
cross and, I am convinced, is the
Saviour of the world."

NONSENSE!" exclaimed the irritated
hu. "And you have changed your
ie, too. What kind of name is this you now bear—Ghulam Masih?"

"It means, as you know, 'slave of Christ.' That is just what I am—the bond-servant of my Lord Jesus Christ. I shall serve only Him, the sinless One. No longer do I fear the Hindu gods. How can they save us from sin?"

"Sin!" sputtered the Sadhu. "How can you say such things? Do you not fear me, a 'holy' man? I will rain curses on you, and on your wife, and on your only son, if you are not careful, such curses as up to this day you have never heard!"

"God's Word says," replied Ghulam Masih, "in this book I hold in my hand, 'Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul.' Your curses cannot touch my soul. It is safe in Christ."

"You have brought disgrace on your family. Have you no respect for your brothers, and do you not fear them? It was they who sent for me, that I might persuade you to return to the faith of your fathers. In their hearts is violent anger. Without doubt they will disown you, and put you out of the house. They may even kill you."

Ghulam Masih was still calm. "In God's Word," he answered, "it says this: 'Brother shall deliver up the brother to death . . . A man's foes shall be they of his own household. Fear them not.' "

THE SADHU WAS DISGUSTED. "Curses on you!" he shouted after Ghulam Masih, then went into the house where the new Christian's brothers were waiting.

"Well, what did he say?" they asked. "You doubtless told him a thing or two, the worthless one!"

"What can I do?" asked the Sadhu, peevishly. "All he will say is, 'God's Word says this, God's Word says that.' He has no brains to argue."

"We will teach him!" the oldest brother exclaimed. "He has already brought too much disgrace on our family. How can we hold up our heads before the village?"

"Not only does he himself believe this nonsense of the Christians; he is even trying to read to us from his book."

"If we do not act soon, he may persuade his wife to join him in believing this teaching," the oldest brother added. "What do ignorant women know about such things? She is very young and inexperienced."

"We will attend to her," another brother said.

THE NEXT EVENING, when Ghulam Masih returned from his absence, he found no trace of his wife or baby son.

"Where is my wife? Where is my son?" he asked his widowed mother.

His mother kept on patting out the flat wheat cakes of bread. "Your wife? Your son? How should I know?" she finally asked.

"Who would know better?" asked Ghulam Masih. "Did I not leave them in your care?"

"Ask your brothers," suggested his mother.

"Your wife and son?" repeated the oldest brother, shrugging his shoulders. "How should we know? Why did you go away to those Christians, leaving your wife and son behind?"

"I demand to know what has become of my wife and son!" cried Ghulam Masih. "Where are they?"

"You demand—you demand?" answered the oldest brother. "What have you to demand anything, you have disgraced the family? We wil you nothing concerning your wife son. Your wife? How can Parba Hindu, be the wife of a Christian Now go on off to the Christians, if are the ones you now choose as fri Never darken this door again! You no longer one of us."

"My son! My son!" wailed Gh Masih's mother. "My son is dead!"

WITH THE WAILS of his mother an angry curses of his brothers ringi his ears, Ghulam Masih sorrowfully his home. There was nothing else t More than leaving his home, how was the sorrow of not knowing wha become of his young wife and his son. Throughout the village he inqu but obtained neither information sympathy.

"Why do you not stay at home your family, instead of gadding among the Christians? Perhaps your has friends elsewhere, too," sugg someone.

"The mother of my son would ne off by herself. Someone has manage thing," said Ghulam Masih.

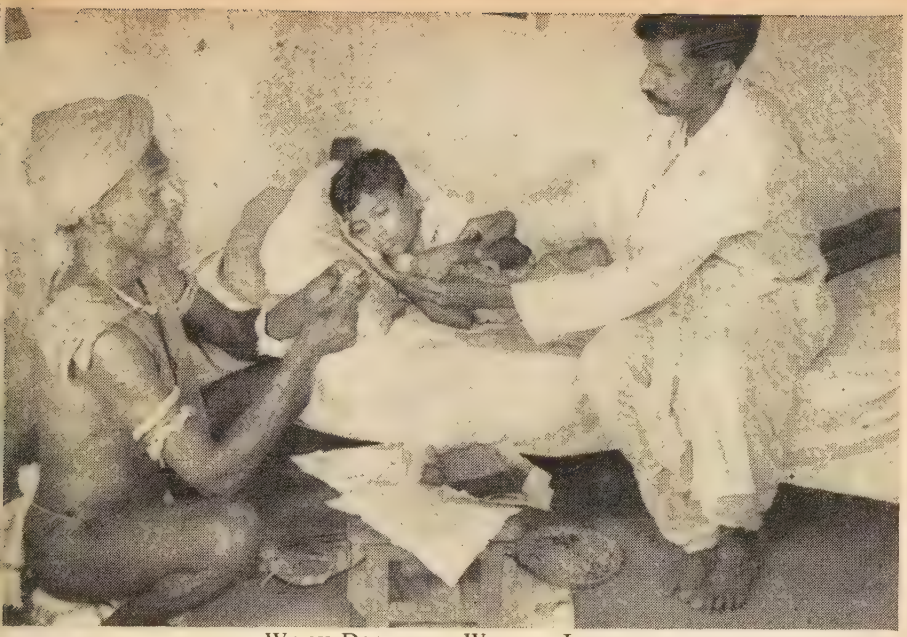
FINALLY LEAVING his home villag returned to the village of Raopind. haps the Christian pastor could help

"Maybe your wife has gone ba her parents," suggested the pastor.

"I have thought of that. I shall their village and inquire," replied lam Masih.

"I shall go with you," said the p Together they walked the rough to the village of Parbati's parents.

"Why do you not stay at hom take care of your family?" the p demanded angrily. "What kind o



WITCH DOCTOR AT WORK IN INDIA
Picture is from ULCA missionary film "Lifting India's Shadows"

nd are you, anyway? Do you think en if we knew we would tell you any- ing about Parbati?"

Day after day the search went on, with success. It seemed as if Ghulam asih's wife and son had completely nished.

"Padri Ji," said Ghulam Masih to the stor one day, "there is a verse which oubles me—'All things work together r good to them that love God.' Now know this is God's Word and must be ue. But I love God, and how can my mily's disappearance be good? Doubt- s they are in the hands of the Hindus, d I had hoped to teach my wife so she, o, would give her heart to the Lord sus."

"I cannot understand it either," said e pastor. "Yet in the same chapter we ad, 'If God be for us, who can be ainst us?' Let us still have faith in our Lord. He can work out good for you through this sore trial."

THEN, AFTER MANY DAYS, the postman brought a card to the Christian pastor. It bore the postmark of a city far distant, and its message read, "One in the hospital of the Christians in this city says, if you know him who is called Ghulam Masih, to tell him, Come. The hospital is on the tree-lined road which leads from the station."

There was no signature, yet Ghulam Masih knew the message was from Parbati and that he should go to this city. He found the hospital without difficulty.

"Is there one here called Parbati?" he inquired.

"Why do you ask?"

"Please do not keep me waiting. If there is such a one say to her, 'Your husband, father of Chota Lal, is here.'"

In only a few minutes the nurse who

took his message returned. "Come," she said, and led him to a private room.

"MOTHER OF MY SON!" cried Ghulam Masih, as he caught sight of Parbati on the bed.

"Father of Chota Lal!" exclaimed Parbati. "You did come!"

"But you are sick! And where is Chota Lal?"

"I have been very sick," said Parbati, "but am better. The boy, too, is here in this hospital, safe. The nurses look after him."

"Where have you been?" asked Ghulam Masih. "I have searched everywhere."

Parbati shuddered. "I want to forget where I have been," she said. "It was a horrible place. The Sadhu—"

"So it was the Sadhu's work, was it?"

"Yes. The Sadhu is not holy at all—he is evil. He took us to this place of evil."

"How did you get away?"

"I fell sick, so sick I wished I might die, except for the boy. I did want to get him back to you first."

"How, then—"

"Listen. They, too, thought I would die, and they did not care. 'Let her die,' I heard them say. 'The boy will be of use to us,' I heard them say. One woman showed some kindness. She brought me water. 'Can you get me away from here?' I asked. 'There is a place, a house of healing, where mercy is shown,' she said. 'Perhaps I can manage it.' I don't know how, but she did. I begged her to bring my son, too, so they brought us both in the night. Then, when I grew b I realized these were Christians. I a nurse to send a message to the p you had talked about. I knew you been sent away from home and th the pastor might know about you."

"And he did," said Ghulam Mas

"AND HERE YOU ARE. My heart rest. There is another thing I mus you," Parbati continued. "When I in that evil place I thought much the Jesus you talked about, and re bered some of His words you taugh I wished I could see Him and one I did."

"You saw the Lord Jesus?" asked lam Masih, in surprise.

"Yes. It was in a dream. I had very sick and one night I dreame man with a kind face was standing children crowded about Him. He beckoning with His hand. It seem if it were to me. And I heard Him 'Come unto me, all ye that are v and I will give you rest.' Since t have had great peace, and now my c joy is full."

"Mine also," said Ghulam Masih face was beaming. "The promise is All things do work together for g those who love God."

Parbati was puzzled. "What is she asked. "I don't understand."

"I'll tell you sometime," pro Ghulam Masih. "Now you must I shall go and find my little son."

THE WORD OF GOD becomes Word of God for us in the same way Jesus of Nazareth becomes Lord and Saviour.—JOSEPH SITTLER, JR., in *The Doctrine of the Word of God* (Muhlenberg)

"COME ON, GILBRETHS!"

I WAS SCRUBBING the kitchen floor hen the telephone rang. Between vaca- on church school and the heat, I've imply had no time to clean, so I really ent at it hammer-and-tongs.

"Answer the phone, please, Karen," I alled, pausing to listen.

"Hello . . . Oh, yes, I'm fine . . . No, he's not busy. She's just scrubbing the oor. I'll call her right away."

"Limping lizards," I muttered, using ete's pet phrase. "What a time to get aught on the telephone."

"MOTHER! IT'S FOR YOU. It's Mrs. arsen. She says she'll only be a minute."

"I'll be right there. Keep an eye open or Susie and Pete, will you, dear? I don't ant them racing through here and track- ng up the clean part.—Hello, Mabel. o, I was glad to stop for a few min- tes." And as I said it, I realized it was ue. "What's on your mind?"

"I've hit a snag in our plans for to- orrow."

"Tomorrow?" For a second I couldn't emember any plans we'd made for to- orrow. I'd been thinking so hard about ll the things I had to do today I'd been ehaving in a very scriptural manner and tting tomorrow take care of itself. "Oh, es, we were going out to do our good eed and try to get more women inter- sted in helping at the church. What's appened?"

"Well, it's this way. I told Pastor Ittel nd Mrs. Huberman I'd have the car, so ey gave us a list that's pretty far from ie church. Now I find Oscar has to go out of town tomorrow and the best way is for him to drive, which leaves me high and dry without a car."

"That's all right. We'll use ours.—Oh, I forgot, the pesky thing's in the shop again. Dan gets his vacation next week and how far we can go will depend on how the car behaves. So I guess we're out of luck. Never mind. We can do it after I get back."

"I'm afraid I'll be going away then—"

"Oh, well," I broke in, seeing a chance to put the task off into the dim distance, "we can get together in the fall, I guess. If we can't do it now, we can't."

"There is just one possibility." She seemed to be pondering the matter. "You see, we ought not to put the visiting off much longer because they want every- thing organized and ready to go by fall. I do have the car this afternoon. I'd have to pick up Oscar when his office closes, but we could have the whole after- noon for calling."

"MABEL!" I WAILED. "If you could see my house, you'd never dream of sug- gesting such a thing. I've moved all the kitchen furniture into the dining room while I do the kitchen floor. I ripped the sheets off the beds to wash them this morning and then I wanted to finish the floor before it was time to get lunch so I didn't put on the fresh sheets and the bed- rooms are still torn up. The living room is the only room that's half way present- able and I'll bet you could write your name in the dust on the coffee table there. Oh, Mabel, I just can't do it today."

"Not even if I come over and give you a hand till lunch time?"

"I wouldn't think of letting you. You worked harder than I did in vacation school and you have so many extra things—"

"But this is important, Connie. You know as well as I do that the larger the congregation gets the more there is to do and the more inclined people are to leave the work to those who have always done it. We just must talk to the women of the congregation who aren't taking an active part and let them know how much they are needed and how much they themselves will enjoy helping. Honestly, Connie, I'd be glad to come over and help you if I wouldn't be in your way, I feel so strongly about this."

"I don't see how you could help because I hardly know what to tell you to do. But I'll manage somehow. I always do. What time do you want to start this afternoon?"

"How about one o'clock? Then we can catch people before they start out to do anything else."

"O.K. You know I'll have to bring the children, of course? They can stay in the car while we make our calls."

"And I'll bring along some of the books I picked up for our primary department browsing table. Karen may enjoy reading them to the others."

"That's a good idea. Well, if I'm to be ready by one, I'll have to fly. 'Bye, now."

THINGS LOOKED WORSE than ever to me as I turned from the phone. Once upon a time I'd just have given up, but I've learned that if I go at things with a little prayer, they have a way of straightening themselves out for me. I don't suppose that the Almighty is really concerned with the unmade beds in my upstairs rooms, but when I ask, He seems to help *me* and I get things done I thought I couldn't t done otherwise.

As I raised my head, Karen can from the kitchen and Pete and came pounding downstairs, evid tired of making forts with the bed pil

"Come on," I said, gaily, "we're to play Gilbreths."

"What?" "What's that?" "What Gilbreths?" The questions poured almost in one breath.

"The Gilbreths were a large and h family. There were so many of them all had to help if anything was t done at their house. Then when were through, they all piled into th and went some place or opened up root beer or something. So we're to play Gilbreths and I'll give you e job to do."

"Then what?" Pete was a little picious.

"Then we pile in Mrs. Larsen's ca off we go!"

"Root beer?" asked Susie.

"Root beer," I agreed. "Now, I'll give you a cloth and you can du chairs and tables in the living room. can mop the stairs with the dry mop Karen can run the vacuum cleaner."

"Running the cleaner seems mor a boy's job because it's machinery," Karen. Then in a swift aside, "Pete never mop right!"

I FINISHED THE KITCHEN while the dren swarmed over the living room we marched upstairs to conquer the rooms.

By the time Mabel arrived, the might not have stood close inspectio to the casual glance it looked nea clean. The children even had clean and faces.

"Come on, Gilbreths," shouted "Here's our car. Now for root bee

ersonal Problem Clinic

isusing Funds

QUESTION: Our missionary society has be-me as sheep without a shepherd, due to fact that we have no pastor at present. previous years we sent 75 per cent of our e-will offering to missions. We held no tside activities to raise this money.

Since our pastor left, one lady (not an icer) has implanted in the minds of ne of the society members that to be a od steward and give of your time, money, d talents means to remodel the church sement. This project would require a great al of money, so our treasurer refuses to id in the money we gave for missions. A all minority of us feel that we are losing ht of the real purpose of the missionary ciety through our selfishness. Our church s an item in its budget for repair work, d we feel that remodeling a church base-ent should be left to the church council. We have tried to tell the sociey our views a decent way, but we are met with sneers d talking behind our backs. Since we are the minority is it our duty to work with group in their methods of raising money this purpose, or should we drop out until have a pastor again?

REPLY: You are right. It is not a function of local societies of the WMS to repair or recondition church basements. That is distinctly a matter for the church council.

It should be recognized also that funds contributed for missions or other benevolences are not to be diverted to other purposes. The donors have rights and they should assert them. If I give money to church or another agency for a specific purpose I want that money to be used for that purpose. So do other people.

This matter should be taken in hand by the church council. It should be handled diplomatically and educationally, but resolutely. The council could instruct its president and secretary to appear before the society and explain pleasantly but definitely what the situation and obligations are, and request the group to have the funds forwarded in the regular way.

The council may then take up the basement problem, if that is their wish, and they may then devise ways of getting the funds for the purpose. But funds for benevolence should go for their intended purpose.

School adjustment

QUESTION: In moving into a new community Peggy, 8, has had to change from a private school to a public school. She seems confused at the larger classes and the mass treatment. She has a feeling also that she has lost her standing.

REPLY: There seem to be two problems here: adjustment and caste. Getting adapted to larger classes after having received considerable individual treatment will naturally require a certain amount of time, and it will call for intelligent working together by teacher and parent. More interest on the part of the parents in the child's individual development and interests will be needed.

On the problem of "lost caste" Peggy will need the assistance of her father and mother toward making new friends among her schoolmates. Her parents may invite some of them to their home or they may create other situations in which the children may play together. Peggy's social contacts may be established on a broader base than the class idea. The concept of caste is neither democratic nor Christian. This suggestion assumes that Peggy's parents are not suffering "class-consciousness." If they are they will have to recover before they can be of help to their daughter. To foster such an idea in a child is unfair to all concerned.

—EARL S. RUDISILL

Dr. Rudisill, formerly president of Thiel College, is secretary for Adult Work on the staff of the ULC Parish and Church School Board. Questions for this page may be sent to him at 1228 Spruce St., Philadelphia 7, Pa.

Give Children a Chance

Jesus said there will be a terrific punishment for those w
bar the way toward the development of the souls of child

OCCASIONALLY JESUS used absurd comparisons, that must have made his listeners laugh, in order to get across His point. Like the time He lashed out at the scribes and Pharisees for their emphasis on small details while they disregarded important things—justice, mercy, integrity. He said they were like men being careful to strain out a tiny gnat before drinking water, while they swallowed a camel right down! (*Matt. 23:24*)

But in Matthew's account today, Jesus is doing some lashing and there's no humor anywhere in it; it's sheer grim business. He's deadly serious!

The main point of the story—at least the point from which it started—was the necessity for a childlike quality in the Christian believer. Jesus' attention was centered on a child, and on all the children that child represented. And then he proclaimed one of the harshest denunciations in the entire Scripture: It's better for you to have a stone tied around your neck and be pushed into the sea, than for you to cause one of these to stumble.[1] It's enough to make the blood turn cold.

I SUPPOSE THERE is no intelligent Christian parent who doesn't accept the fact that it is his duty to bring up his child in the Christian faith and to obey Christian ethic. Most of us who are ents will think that job is enough. Jesus doesn't seem to think so. He us we must also be exceedingly careful to place obstacles in the way of *any* c Bringing up our own children "in the and admonition of the Lord" appare isn't enough.

While this added responsibility not particularly please us, it shou surprise us. It's in line with the w tenor of Christ's teaching: that we a only separated individuals who happe bump into each other occasionally. W all created by one God, in His image we are in a special sense all of one fa Every single member of that family equal value to God. Therefore it fall the rest of the members of the fa the adult members particularly, to se it that the children, all of them, ha path on which to walk that isn't too r for their tender feet.

BUT WHAT DOES all this mean when get out of the vague, and therefore c fortable, world of analogy into the w of facts? What are the stumbling bl for a child?

Suppose you think of the life of own child. What is the biggest fact his development? It's his home life, it? Maybe if your child has reached teen-age, you're beginning to que that, because he's practically never h

[1] Some scholars interpret this to mean "young in faith," new believers. Even if that is the true meaning, surely that does not *exclude* the children. In a culture supposedly Christian, it would mean mainly the children, for they are the largest group of "new believers."

rain up a child in the way he is to go, and
en when he is old he will not depart from
PROVERBS 22:6

Whoever receives one such child in my
ame receives me; but whoever causes one
f these little ones who believe in me to sin,
it would be better for him to have a great
millstone fastened round his neck and to be
drowned in the depth of the sea.
"Woe to the world for temptations to sin!
For it is necessary that temptations come,
but woe to the man by whom the temptation
comes." MATTHEW 18:5-7

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ut we all know, even if the psychologists
nd sociologists hadn't told us so, that in
ieir early, most formative years, their
ome and neighborhood were practically
ie only environmental factors that in-
uenced them.

There are some facts which we shall
ave to admit. A home isn't only the
ouse you live in. There are many beau-
ful mansions that aren't fit homes for
hildren. In contrast, some of our great-
st sons and daughters have come from
ome of the humblest and poorest homes.
But having recognized all of that, surely
must be obvious that a dirty, over-
rowded, rat-infested, poorly ventilated
enement is emphatically in the category
f a "stumbling block" to the child that
alls that home. The godly parent *can*
ear his child to Christian adulthood in a
eighborhood that is rife with crime,
enereal disease, filth; where prostitutes
ly their trade and dope-peddlers are not
rarity. It is not impossible that God
an protect a child even from such an
tmosphere as that so it may grow to rich
aturity. But that such a neighborhood
a "stumbling block" can hardly be
enied.

YOU AND I do not create slums. But
o frequently we are quite content to
ermit them to exist. We may even make
eir existence necessary by the fact that,
a Christian-enlightened citizen of a
ommunity, we take no steps to make
y other housing available to those who
e there and who, for various reasons,
e unable to move away.

The incomes of the families living there make a low rental absolutely necessary. Some of that may be due to carelessness. Some may be due to inability to perform work that merits higher wages. The fact remains that, whatever may be the cause, the Christian conscience must inevitably be disturbed at this gigantic obstacle causing many "little ones to stumble."

If it is possible for private industry to provide adequate housing at rentals that are sufficiently low, then that, it would seem, is the way to handle the problem in view of our American traditions and the constant danger of turning over our responsibilities to an increasingly impersonal "Government." If it is not possible then Christians must find some other way.

THE WHOLE QUESTION is one that requires the expert knowledge of architects, contractors, builders, real estate men, social workers. And the rest of us need to shake off our apathy and give up this unchristian, smug attitude that it doesn't concern us.

Then again we come back to the same position. Even after all that can possibly be done to bring about adequate housing, the chief decision is personal. Parents in adequate houses will still have to be changed in heart and mind before they can "bring up a child in the way he should go." Those of us who have always lived in fairly adequate houses ought to know that well. So again we come back to the absolute necessity for conversion.

But that doesn't leave us with an excuse for keeping the stumbling blocks.

Faith of the Scientists

Religious Beliefs of American Scientists. By Edward LeRoy Long, Jr. Westminster. 168 p

Statements on religious matters by prominent scientists often make newspaper heac These scientists are often quoted from the pulpit as if they were authoritative thinke religion. Dr. Long takes a critical look at the writings of these scientists to see if the contributing anything unique to current religious thinking.

The survey covers the religious beliefs of only those scientists who have lived in An during the 20th century and have written at book-length about their philosophies of life.

Dr. Long seems to be especially fitted to make such a survey. He has a bachelor's degree in science and a doctor's in religion. He is Presbyterian minister-to-students and part-time associate professor at Virginia Polytechnic Institute.

The book records the gist of each scientist's thought. It is a scholarly production, with ample notes and bibliography. It is not intended for popular reading, but will be interesting and valuable to pastors, students of religion, Sunday school teachers, and laymen concerned about the impact of this scientific age.

Dr. Long finds that scientists involved in the survey fall into two groups, and he accordingly divides his book into two parts. The first deals with those who recognize that the orderliness of the universe requires a supreme direction, and who therefore attempt to relate scientific knowledge to a religion. The second part deals with those who have strong religious convictions into which they attempt to fit scientific knowledge.

Dr. Long concludes that scientists hold no religious view uniquely their own. The range from theism to atheism among them is similar to that of the populace as a whole. Practically all place science and religion into separate categories. The line between them cannot be eradicated, nor need be. They will be logical partners if "science is accepted as science, yet not turned into a new creed that makes a religion of it; religion is accepted as religion, yet not turned into a substitute for, nor an antagonist of science. Each is related to the other in such a as to make its unique contribution to a understanding."

V. B. SE

Wilmington, Del.

Value of Tradition

Tradition, Freedom, and the Spirit. By Jenkins. Westminster. 195 pages. $3.

This thoughtful book presents gift sights into Orthodox, Roman Catholi theran, and Calvinist interpretations Bible, liturgy, and conceptions of the c and the confessions. It is not a mere mary of history, but contains some lenging proposals for the Christian sc of pressing political and economic pro

The author compares and contrast damental approaches to and uses of tra by Roman Catholic and Protestant t gians. He then studies carefully, with limits of a small book, the meaning dition in the corporate conceptions Old Testament, and the individualize terns of the New Testament. These ob tions lead him to a revaluation of tra in terms of freedom, catholicity or ec icity, and of the people of God in a nological and industrialized society.

This book offers a wholesome criti the perils of abused and misunderstoc dition. Much that is venerated as tra is only individual and social inertia, a failure to see in the Bible and the H confessions and liturgical usages "the stream of the church's life, of tradit the determinative moments of its histc

One of the values of the book is i stant reference to contemporary men.

l movements. While one does not always ee with the author, one is always stim- ted by him. RUSSELL W. STINE
Muhlenberg College

asterpiece on Africa

fricans on Safari. By Leslie C. Sayre. Friend- p Press. 164 pages. $2.50.

Through the six chapters of this delightful ok the reader feels that he is with the ricans on their Safari. The Reverend ilip Cambourne, a retired pastor from chigan, visits his two sons, one a secre- y of a gold mine company in Johannes- g, South Africa, the other a missionary the Belgian Congo. Characters whom he ets on his interesting journey are real and vividly described that the reader sees and ars them, walks and talks with them, and ares their hopes and fears, their problems d accomplishments, on their long spiritual ari from primitivism to civilization and ristianity.

The author, a former missionary to the lgian Congo, presents information on prac- ally every phase of missionary work in rica, old and new, in the form of a story. is not a novel but reads like one. The rangement of material, like the "plot" in a vel, is clever and unusual. The illustra- ns are by William F. P. Burton, a first- ss artist.

In short, *Africans On Safari* is a master- ce. JENS LARSEN
Sedgewickville, Mo.

Text for Any Sermon

Biblical Texts. By Paul W. Nesper. Wartburg ss. 442 pages. $3.95.

This "Encyclopedia of Texts" is an elabor- and enlarged edition of the one published the same author in 1923. The book con- ns texts for special occasions and for fes- als and seasons of the church year, 14 tionaries for the church year, and indexes cording to the church year and according the books of the Bible.

The book should prove helpful to a pastor rting in the ministry, as did the first edi- n to the reviewer. Texts for special occa- ns are the most valuable part of the book. Listings, anywhere from 10 to 250, are given for such occasions as confirmation, communion, death, introductory, farewell, dedications, patriotic, mother's day, baccalaureate, and graduation.

Perhaps the greatest criticism to be made of the book is its elaborateness and consequent cumbersomeness. While most texts listed are appropriate to the subject where classified, the book might be more helpful were fewer and only the more significant ones given. This is especially true of the indexes which cover more than 100 pages.

The thorough work, however, is a handy tool on a busy pastor's desk.

GEORGE J. BAISLER
New Kensington, Pa.

Prayer and the Catechisms

Prayer. By Karl Barth. Translated by Sara F. Terrien. Westminster. 78 pages. $1.50.

From 1947 through 1949 Professor Barth offered three seminars on "Prayer according to the Catechisms of the Reformation." This book is a compilation from the stenographic records made of those lectures.

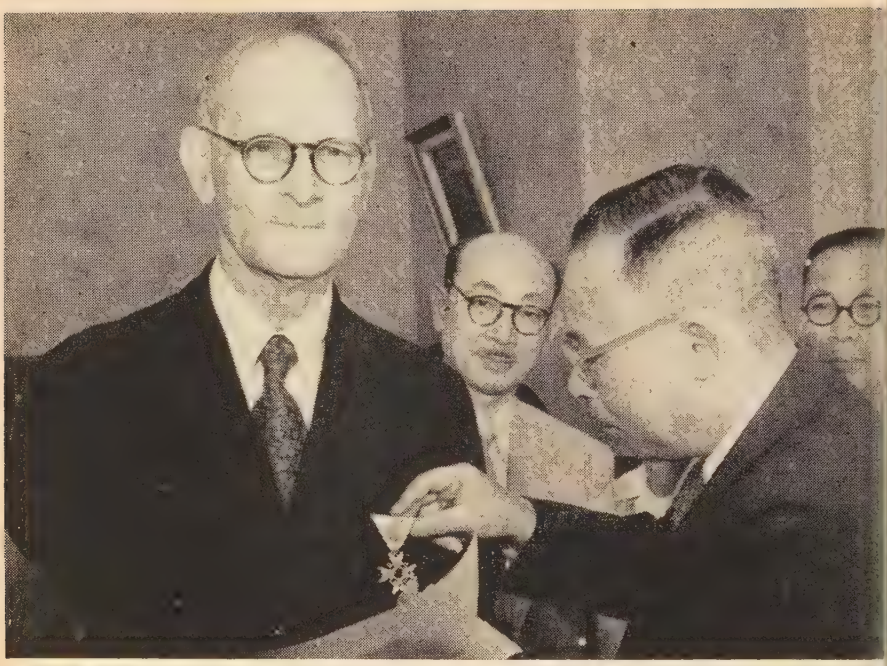
It is only partly devotional as it tries to emphasize common ideas in the writings of Calvin, Luther, and the authors of the Heidelberg Catechism. This work does not place these catechisms side by side and study them systematically. Having imbued himself with the ideas expressed in them, Dr. Barth gives us his thoughts with comparatively few direct quotations. Luther's Large Catechism is mentioned about as often as the Small.

There is very little new in this text. Nor would the pastor looking for catechetical material find much help. Its value is the Barthian emphasis on prayer. It should be commended to those who are interested in Barth and to those who are more especially interested in the subject of prayer.

Menges Mills, Pa. DAVID A. MENGES

The Wisdom of the Talmud. By Ben Zion Bokser. Philosophical Library. 180 pages. $3.75.

A popular introduction to the vast collection (40 volumes) of Jewish lore which developed through centuries of explanation and application of the Hebrew Scriptures.



MISSIONARY HONORED

JAPAN: Tokyo. July 10.—A VETERAN foreign missionary with a record of 47 years' service in Japan, Dr. Arthur J. Stirewalt, was on July 4 awarded the Japanese Imperial decoration "The Order of the Sacred Treasure, Fourth Class" in the Metropolitan Government offices with Tokyo's Governor Yasui acting on behalf of the Emperor. The following Monday morning Dr. Stirewalt was granted an interview with the Emperor at his Tokyo palace.

Now 72 years old, Dr. Stirewalt was retired by the ULCA Board of Foreign Missions last June. Retirement age is 70, but by request Dr. Stirewalt served an additional two years. Now he will take up work this fall as a teacher in the Lutheran Bible School in Kobe, a task he has accepted without an interim trip to visit his family in America. He has been in Japan since January 1947 on this term of service. His wife died in Japan before the last war and he has three daughters who are living in the United S

Recognition was given Dr. Stirewal the part he played in founding Ky Gakuin, boys' junior and senior high sc in Kumamoto; the founding of a hom widows and children in Tokyo as a measure after the disastrous earthqual 1923; and also the old people's home v started as a result of the same earthc disaster.

Dr. Stirewalt disclaimed full credi founding the boys' school. The i $25,000 for the school was raised thr the efforts of Dr. Charles Lafayette Br When it was found insufficient, Dr. walt returned to America to raise an tional $32,000 and then returned to J to work at the school.

Since 1921 he has been an evange missionary in the Tokyo area, except d the war years. He has helped found fiv theran churches in Tokyo, Yokohama neighboring towns. —MARY MEYNAR

Tokyo. July 10.—JAPAN IS FACING two al problems—communism and bureau- acy. The Communist menace is well pub- ized, but the peril from bureaucracy is ore subtle.

Bureaucrats were guilty of playing ball th the militarists during the war. Under e Allied occupation they "co-operated" th General MacArthur, followed the line least resistance, and passed the buck to n. After the peace treaty they about-faced an effort to regain their pre-war status.

In a nutshell, the danger from bureau- acy lies in the attempt of the government overthrow or scuttle the reforms and mocratic tendencies which have been im- anted during the occupation years. Bu- reaucrats argue that these reforms, instituted under General MacArthur's directives, are no longer binding upon Japan after the sign- ing of the peace treaty. Their stand that the reforms are not adaptable to Japanese so- ciety is a pretext for them to revive old semi-feudalistic practices.

One group of bureaucrats claims that Red China-Russian plotting and Communist ter- rorism are making rapid inroads.

Another group is arguing that the present Diet is impotent in building a better society and achieving true democracy. Members of this group accuse the ruling class of trying to push rearmament under the guise of coping with international communism.

—WORLDOVER PRESS REPORT

OFFICIAL NOTICE

On July 7, 1952, in accordance with the requirements of the By-Laws of the United Lutheran Church in America, Section V, (c) Item 1, President Franklin Clark Fry announced the appointment of the following delegates to the Eighteenth Biennial Convention of the Church as the convention's Committee on Nominations. Soon after Aug. 9, 1952, this committee will meet to consider nominations which have been suggested by delegates and by Boards and Agencies on forms to be mailed to the Secretary of the Church at 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York, in time to reach the office by noon on Aug. 9, 1952.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Rev. Royal E. Lesher (convener), 1301 Hillside Avenue, Waco, Texas.....Tx
Mr. Luther G. Boliek, West-Deal Company, Hickory, North Carolina.....NC
Rev. Alvin H. Butz, Jr., 114 Easton Road, Glenside, Pennsylvania.....CP
Rev. Arnold L. Conrad, 9 Arch Street, Waterloo, Ontario, Canada.....Cn
Mr. Carl D. Eberhart, 1980 Burroughs Drive, Dayton 6, Ohio.....O
Mr. Thomas P. Hickman, Stoneleigh Court, Washington 6, D. C.....Md
Rev. G. Lawrence Himmelman, 610 Smithfield Street, Pittsburgh 22, Pennsylvania.....Pg
Rev. Carl A. Honeycutt, 3405 Devereaux Road, Columbia, South Carolina.....SC
Mrs. Harvey D. Hoover, 22 Seminary Street, Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.....CP
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Rev. Frederick R. Ludwig, Postville, Iowa.....Ia
Mr. B. A. Mosling, Point Comfort, Oshkosh, Wisconsin.....Nw
Mr. William G. Semisch, Noble Road, Jenkintown, Pennsylvania.....PM
Rev. Alfred H. Stone, 103 West Center Street, Mt. Morris, Illinois.....Il
Mr. Hans P. Treuenfels, West Rocks Road, Norwalk, Connecticut.....NY
Rev. Paul C. White, 231 Madison Avenue, New York 16, New York.....NY
Rev. Roy L. Winters, 1228 Spruce Street, Philadelphia 7, Pennsylvania.....PM
Rev. Lorin J. Wolff, 1812 D Street, Lincoln, Nebraska.....Mw
Mr. Robbin B. Wolf, 1290 Jones Law Building, Pittsburgh 19, Pennsylvania.....Pg

LEADING participants
cent Mississippi Synod
included: left to right
row)—Pastors J. W. M
H. A. Wolff and C. E
and (back row)—Pastor
Helmly, O. M. Morga
men R. B. Tullos and
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MISSISSIPPI:

Wolff Re-elected President of Mississippi Synod; Morgan Recogn

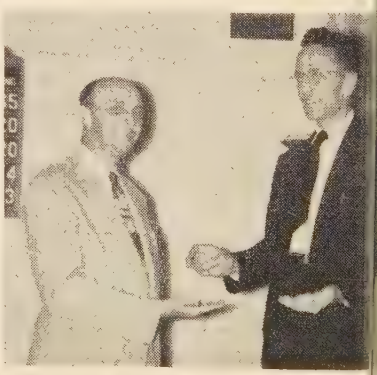
BURNS, MISS.—The Mississippi Synod, in session at Providence Church,
re-elected the Rev. H. A. Wolff, Laurel, as president and the Rev. O. M. M
pastor loci, as secretary. Layman R. B. Tullos, Starkville, was elected tre
The president and treasurer were named delegates to the ULCA convention w
Rev. C. C. Helmly, Louisville, and W. W. Yonce, Forest, as alternates.

Dr. C. E. Fritz, Atlanta, Ga., president of the Georgia-Alabama Synod, represented the ULCA at the convention in two impressive addresses. A son and former president of the synod, the Rev. J. W. Mangum, Columbia, S. C., represented the institutions supported by synod. Favorable action was taken and requirements met for affiliation with Lutheridge Assembly Grounds, Arden, N. C.

The treasurer's report showed that LWA quotas for 1952 had been paid in full or overpaid by Trinity, Redeemer, Betheden, and Shady Grove congregations, and that Trinity and St. John's had paid full amounts due on 1952 apportionment quotas.

THE 20 YEARS of service in synod of Pastor Morgan was recognized by special resolution and by a gift of 20 silver dollars (*see cut*). George Mori, Jackson, stewardship secretary, announced a Stewardship Workshop for laymen at Trinity Church, Jackson, on Nov. 10 with Chet Myrom as speaker.

REPORTS of delegates revealed tha
sive property improvements had bee
on Betheden and New Hope churches
air-cooling system installed for Tri
ditorium. H. BRENT SCH



MISSISSIPPI Synod President H.
(right) presenting Synod Secretary O.
gan with 20 silver dollars in recognitio
many years of service in synod post.
took place during sessions of synod c

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NSYLVANIA:

3Ss, Picnics Highlight News; on Vespers Are Discontinued

ANCASTER — Successful vacation e schools, large and interesting pic- have been the chief activities in the caster area.

UTHERAN UNION VESPERS were omitted year because of the Community Vespers erdenominational), which have been at- ing attendances of 250 and more. They held in a public park in the center of the

EMBERS of St. Stephen's were happy to ship again in their renovated nave.

NN AND BURTON LEBO, children of the and Mrs. Ellerslie A. Lebo of Millers- have flown to Europe to attend the h conference at Hannover. Their travels take them to London, Paris, Rome, zerland, Holland, Germany, Denmark.

HE REV. WILLIAM HORN of the Parish Church School Board is supplying the it at Trinity Church in July. The va- y at Trinity is due to the resignation of H. H. Bagger, president-elect of Phila- hia Seminary. ERNEST J. HOH

YORK:

tor Launches TV "Tell us a Story" r WSYR-TV; Response Excellent

YRACUSE—A half-hour religious ision program was launched over cuse's television outlet, WSYR-TV, month. Response was "excellent."

e program, called "Tell Us a Story," res story-telling by the Rev. John ken, pastor of St. John and St. Peter ch. The stories are directed to chil- Young people from Syracuse churches songs and hymns; sometimes a boy ano is featured.

e show is sponsored by the Syracuse Onondaga County Council of Churches.

CONSCIENCE

story of the week

THE KNOCK on the study door of Pastor Merle Franke (Frederick Church, Charlotte Amalie, Virgin Islands) was light; it took three of them before he realized someone was there.

His caller was an elderly member he knew well. It was obvious from her feeble knock and her embarrassed air that something was troubling her.

"Pastor Franke," she began haltingly, "I was house cleaning early this past week and come a bit irregular in bringing them in!"

"I know how it is," offered the pastor helpfully, "we all forget sometimes. It's better when we contribute regularly, but don't worry about . . ."

"That's just it," she interrupted. "I am worried! You see, I've dropped behind a good bit." The envelopes she held out to the pastor were in two boxes. One was marked plainly 1950, the other, 1951.

"I've skimped and scraped all week," she hurried on, "so you'll find that my pledge is now up-to-date!"

The glow on her face prevented the pastor from protesting, even though he knew she was a woman of small means.

Without waiting for an answer or any words of praise, she was out the door. The pastor's "thank you" sounded as the screen door slammed shut.

ONE WEEK LATER, Pastor Franke was surprised to hear the same knock again on his study door. The same visitor, the same chagrin.

This time, the woman quietly placed a single package of envelopes in his hand. Looking up into his face, she said: "I've finished my house cleaning this morning and found these. They're the last ones, I'm sure. They're filled up to date NOW!"

After she'd gone, Pastor Franke looked at the date: "1938." —DICK SUTCLIFFE

MEMBERS of George
(D. C.) Church and
Harold E. Beatty (righ
pleased with the Fey M
(Sunday School) Room
cated earlier this ye
Maryland Synod Presic
Frank Fife (left). Donor
altar, altarware, cross,
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Mrs. Mary Fey Raines (
memory of her parents

OHIO:

Religious Fund Raising to Be Discussed at Cincinnati Confab Dec. 15

COLUMBUS—Best methods of securing financial gifts from corporation
individuals for non-profit organizations will be discussed in Cincinnati Dec. 15
by some 500 fund-raising officials of churches, colleges, universities and
institutions, financial and legal experts.

Heading the list of speakers are J. K. Lasser, certified public accountant, New York City, and author of "How Tax Laws Make Giving to Charity Easier"; F. Emerson Andrews of the Russell Sage Foundation, New York City and author of "Philanthropic Giving" and "Corporation Giving"; Charles P. Taft, attorney, Cincinnati; and George A. Huggins, actuary counsel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Purpose of the conference, sponsored by the NCCCUSA Department of Stewardship and Benevolence, is to bring the best technical skill and professional knowledge to those engaged in fund-raising work for churches, educational institutions, hospitals and other non-profit organizations.

Specific subjects to come under discussion include the importance of voluntarily-supported institutions in a democracy, trends in corporation giving since 1945.

Additional speakers and their topics include: J. Ross McCain, moderator of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. and retired president of Agnes Scott College, Decatur, Ga., "Seeing Our Promotional Job From a Christian Perspective"; Gilbert Darlington, treasurer, American Bible Society, "A
Policies and Administration"; Jam
Quay, vice president, Princeton (N. J
ological Seminary, "Experiences i
proaching Foundations."

The National Council's stewardsh
partment acts as a clearing house
denominational offices in fund-raising

Christian stewardship is defined
National Council as "the practice
tematic and proportionate giving o
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God to be used in His service for the
of all mankind in grateful acknowle
of Christ's redeeming love."

A MAJORITY of congregations of sy
hearing "fresh" voices and seeing "nev
in pulpits as pastors enjoy annual va
Many of the latter are using at least
their vacations to plan fall programs

GROUNDBREAKING ceremonies for
Lutheran Village's new "H"-shaped s
to care for 50 guests, was held July 1
are to be added later bringing to
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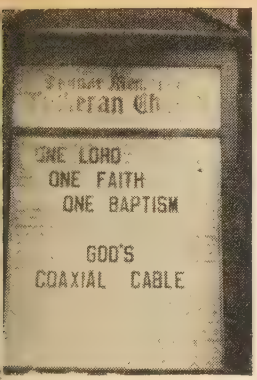

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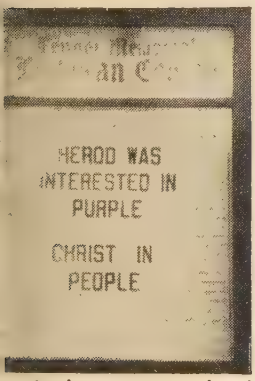

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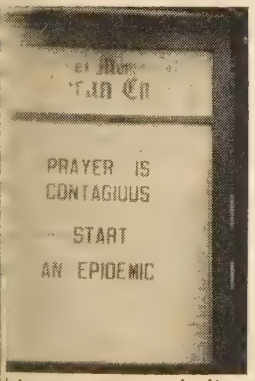

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BRIEFLY SPEAKING

When the temporary chairman of the Republican National Convention went to introduce Dr. Joseph Simonson, National Lutheran Council Public Relations Executive, for the opening convention prayer, he said ". . . the Rev. Joseph Simpson, Ph.D., executive director of the National Lutheran Church of Minnesota and New York." Later, the name *Simpson* was corrected to *Simonson;* the other errors stood.

Recently, a man and his wife stopped in Davenport, Nebr., one Sunday morning to worship at Christ Church. So impressed were they on their brief visit that they presented a 35 mm. moving picture projector as a token of their "appreciation for having the opportunity of worshiping in your (Christ) church." The projector is valued at $85.

An ordination anniversary to end (?) all ordination anniversaries—a 250th—will be observed by upstate New York Lutherans next year when they honor the Rev. Justus Falkner who gained prominence when on November 24, 1703 he became the first person to be ordained a Lutheran pastor on American soil.

When Sister Marian Maurer, on tour of the ULCA drumming up interest in the diaconate, recently visited Rocky Boy mission in Montana, she spoke to the Indians. While explaining how one ULCA deaconess who lives in a trailer is called "the trailer deaconess," she was interrupted by Rocky Boy Pastor Deehan who commented "What we need here is a Tepee Deaconess."

Wishing may not have too much merit, but a wishing well in Cave-of-the-Mounds, Wis., recently sent a check for $100 to the National Lutheran Council's girls' orphanage in Jala, Palestine. From the Wisconsin wishing well, where patrons cast coins and wish, one hundred dollars was sent as several weeks' "catch" to Dr. Edwin Moll, director of the Near East branch of the Lutheran World Federation.

There's no substitute for realism. When the Pine Lake Chapel was dedicated recently in Wisconsin, the "appealer for the offering" announced that a debt remained, and that there was need of funds for chancel furniture, furnishings, etc. (including offering plates). So the ushers used deep cake-pans, and the offering was greater than what might have been dropped into plush-lined alms basons.

REDEDICATED June
this remodeled St.
Church, Elkhorn, Wis., a
parish unit. Through v
labor, cost of remodel
building approximated
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subscribed. Dedication
was the Rev. C. H. Ze

OHIO:

Lakeside Summer School Defies Three Handicaps to Open Successful '

LAKESIDE—The dean fell out of a cherry tree and fractured a vert
tornado-style storm disrupted highway traffic and electric power failed at a cruc
—but the 31st annual Summer School of the Ohio Synod got underway J
anyhow!

Two days before the scheduled opening, Dean Walter E. Bradley of Findlay suffered a fractured vertebra in a fall out of a cherry tree, and spent Lakeside week in the hospital.

Early in the afternoon of registration day, a storm of hurricane violence swept through the area adjacent to Lakeside felling trees and barns, and disrupting traffic coming in from the south.

When the opening vesper service was ready to be started, all electric power at Lakeside was shut off due to the storm, and the service was held with the aid of four candles, a piano and portable amplifier.

Then to accentuate the darkness of the night, another severe electrical swept the area, dwarfing the a shouts of the speaker in an aud with a seating capacity of 3,000.

Despite these handicaps, the serv on. In place of the Vespers, a nu hymns were sung from memory. of the week, Pastor Harold R. A First Church, Columbus, brought sage after a desperate ten minutes peting with the storm. More cand gathered up, and the choir of Church, Toledo, was able to pr numbers, including the singing of from the service of the evening, th for which had been composed by Dr O. Kantner of Tiffin. Power was about midnight, greeted in many with the invitation, "put the coffee

DEDICATED June 15 is this new parish building at Redeemer Church, Milwaukee, Wis., containing 350-seat dining room which doubles as an even dozen classrooms on Sundays. Cost was $225,000. Dr. A. A. Zinck is pastor

WEEN 40 and 50 children and adults used free bus sent by Christ Church, Freeport, '., into Southside Freeport just prior to Sun- school. Bus service started in March and continued through June. Two routes, the involving 17 stops, the second, 12, proved essful. Plans are under consideration for ible similar service to North Freeport in fall. Pastor Eugene Strebel reports "many ld otherwise be unable to attend Matins and lay school." At least one councilman accom- es each bus on jaunt to and from services

lore than 300 young people took part he school. In three periods following morning chapel period, they studied the k of Romans, took part in a convocation Luther League Secretary Leslie Conrad speaker, and then divided into interest ips in the last period of the morning.

888 was the official number registered for he week, with more than 500 attending full ime. Of these, 102 were children. Depart- nental classes for nursery through Junior vere held each morning. Visiting teachers vere able to observe the school along with heir work in a class for teachers of children. Vomen heard Liberian Missionary Gor- Lindeman in their first class period, and pastors and laymen met with Toledo tor W. Carl Satre for a study of church nagement. At a mid-morning convoca- for adults, Dr. Herman L. Gilbert, pro- ion secretary for the Board of Foreign sions, and former dean of the school, wed pictures and presented the various ls of the church.

—HOME MISSIONS—

THE BOARD OF AMERICAN MISSIONS conducted three home missionary schools this month: the first at Pine Lake Bible Camp, Waupaca, Wis. (July 14-18), and two others July 21-25 at Seabeck, Washington, and Lenoir Rhyne College, Hickory, N. C. ULCA leaders comprised the faculties of each school.

PENNSYLVANIA: Seminarian James Costanzo is surveying the towns of Midland and Ohio Vue this summer. The area is considered "critical" so far as housing is concerned; extensive building is taking place.

GEORGIA: Holy Trinity Church, Marietta, was organized May 25.

FORTY-TWO ULCA seminarians have entered home mission fields in 1952, according to the Board of American Missions.

PENNSYLVANIA: The third mission to be organized in three years by Dr. J. Frederick Bermon has the services of Seminarian Theodore Rickabaugh for the summer.

PENNSYLVANIA: The charter list of members for Sunset Valley church in western Pennsylvania is growing, reports Seminarian William Steiner. A congregation, it is hoped, will be organized this fall.

Biggest innovation of the year was placing the chapel hour first on the morning schedule instead of last.

A one hour evening program was held each evening preceding the chautauqua program provided by the Lakeside Association. Speakers included Synod President George W. Miley, Wittenberg College Admission Director Richard Hoefler and Deaconess Sister Evelyn Houlroyd.

The world premier showing of the Foreign Board's "Land of Many Waters" was held in midweek. This is the new film, both in black and white and color, showing the work in British Guiana. Ohioans were pleased to see Pastor Aubrey Bowen in the film, since he studied at Wittenberg and Hamma Seminary.

CARL DRISCOLL

WATCHING groundbreaking for new $300,000 addition to Wittenberg College's Woodlaw (girls' dorm) are Dean Hulda Sallee (second from right) and several co-eds who will room new building when it's completed sometime in the summer of 1953. Addition will be finance funds from the recent Springfield-Wittenberg campaign and will include facilities for 58 and a dining hall for the entire student body of the Ohio United Lutheran Church college

NEW JERSEY:

Young People Enjoy Synod Camp; Luther League Convention Planned

TRENTON—Fifty-two New Jersey young people again enjoyed the facilities of Shawnee-on-the-Delaware during the week's camping from June 28-July 5. The enrollment consisted of campers from the synodical area.

Co-directors Pastor Edwin Wisser, Jr., Westville, and J. Donald Schupp, Mt. Holly, reported success in this year's efforts to serve the youth of the synod.

Special camping awards were given to Gesela Glaeser, Haddon Heights, and Fred Ewell, Berlin, for unusual achievements during the sessions.

Additional staff members included Pastor and Mrs. Charles Rinck, Jr., Somers Point; Pastor and Mrs. Earl Feight, Berlin; Miss Magdalene Houlroyd, Trenton; Mrs. J. Donald Schupp and Mrs. Edwin Wiss Pastor Eugene Umberger, Haddon H served as camp chaplain.

LUTHER LEAGUERS of the synod ar ning to assemble at Wagner College, Island, Aug. 31-Sept. 1 for the 57th convention. Discussion of the theme: tian, Follow Me" is expected to at record registration according to plan made by State President Fred Jacob

ST. JOHN'S, Williamstown, reports crease of more than one-third in membership since 1951 and a 400 p increase in church school attendance. W. Robert Oswald has indicated that worth of improvements have been m the church and parsonage.

CHRIST CHURCH, Paramus, dedi new church June 15 as part of an e program under the direction of t Walter Kloetzli, Jr. Dr. Edwin H. H spoke.

SEMINARIANS ALVIN RUDISILL and H. PORRITT have been serving

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urches in Southern Conference during the mmer. Mr. Rudisill reports outstanding terest and enthusiasm in Holy Spirit mis-on, The Villas; attendance has increased. r. Porritt has been conducting services at oly Nativity, Wenonah, and is carrying on extensive visitation program.

Vacation has meant that many synod pastors have vacated their pulpits in favor of vacation supplies. Shore point congregations report the usual heavy influx of "visiting worshipers."

EXTENSIVE RENOVATIONS and improvements were observed with a special service St. Paul's, Elizabeth, June 22. The exrior and interior of the church were refinhed with many additions. The interior of e Sunday school rooms was refinished with notty pine paneling.

THE REV. ALVIN SHIFFER, pastor of Epiphny, Pleasantville, has accepted a call to rinity, Willow Grove, Pa.

THE REV. CARL BERKOBIN was installed as astor of Holy Trinity, Camden, June 29, by r. Edwin Knudten. RALPH I. SHOCKEY

EDICATED RECENTLY by Pastor John B. ielman and members of Advent Church, ttsburgh, Pa., is this new church, located about mile from the site of the old church. Services ere held in mid-May with Pittsburgh Synod fficers Donald L. Houser, G. Lawrence Himelman, and the first pastor of the congregaon, the Rev. John Slater, participating

CAMPUS

PACIFIC SEMINARY will open Sept. 22. The induction of President Foelsch and the faculty will be held following the Seattle convention of the ULCA in October. Induction date: Oct. 17; ULCA President Franklin Clark Fry will be the speaker. At press time, 31 full-time students have been accepted; five more are under consideration.

MIDLAND College's new president, Dr. Paul W. Dieckman, will be inaugurated ninth president of the Fremont institution at special ceremonies Oct. 22. The inauguration will be held in Fremont Civic Auditorium.

CHICAGO Seminary is following up the Supreme Court decision regarding religious education in public schools with a special course "Religion in Higher Education," presented during the second term of summer school (July 28-Aug. 15). Dr. Symour Smith, of Yale, is conducting the seminars.

ROANOKE College's new dean is Dr. Perry F. Kendig, professor and head of the English department at Muhlenberg College. Dean Kendig is Phi Beta Kappa, served four years with Navy Intelligence during World War II, is a graduate of Franklin and Marshall College and received his Ph.D. from the University of Pennsylvania in 1947. Prior to arriving at Muhlenberg in 1938, he had been on the faculty of both Penn and Drexel Institute in Philadelphia.

DR. MELITTA GERHARD, assistant professor of German at Wittenberg College, has been promoted to associate professor . . . Associate Professor JOHN T. WILLIAMS has been promoted to professor of music at the Springfield, Ohio, institution . . . DR. PAUL K. GLASOE, professor of chemistry from '47 through '51, returns to the faculty this fall after heading Carthage College's chemistry department during the past year.

MIDLAND College recently received $400 from St. Luke's Church, Omaha, Nebr., as a memorial to the late Mrs. Arthur H. Pinkall, wife of the pastor. The funds will be used to refurnish a room in Beegle Hall.

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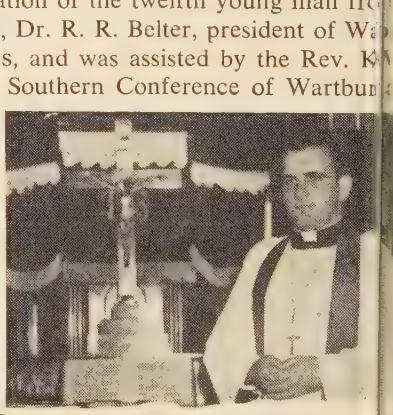
WARTBURG SYNOD

Burlington Congregation Ordains Twelfth Son at June 1st Service

BURLINGTON, IOWA.—Bethany Church was crowded on Pentecost S (June 1) as members came to see the ordination of the twelfth young man fr congregation. The former pastor of Bethany, Dr. R. R. Belter, president of Wa Synod, ordained the REV. WALTER E. SABINS, and was assisted by the Rev. K Braun, of Golden, Illinois, president of the Southern Conference of Wartbu Dr. M. E. Lehmann, pastor of Bethany.

Pastor Walter Sabins is the twelfth young man from Bethany to enter the ministry and the fourteenth person from this congregation to enter the full-time Christian service. There are four young men at present studying for the ministry.

DURING THE INTERIM his son Andrew is in the chaplaincy with the Marine Corps, the Rev. A. B. Swasko will supply the pulpit of Berwyn United Church, Berwyn, Ill. He will be assisted by a Chicago Seminarian. The elder Pastor Swasko has served Nativity Slovak Church in Windsor, Ontario, for a



PASTOR WALTER SABINS, following dination at Bethany Church, Burlingto on Pentecost Sunday, is the twelfth so congregation to enter the ministry

nber of years and enters his retirement
n the active ministry in supplying his
's congregation while Andrew, Jr., is re-
ering the chaplaincy.

HONTERUS CHURCH, Gary, Ind., has been
ecorated.

EARL MEISSNER will have charge of de-
oping the work of the new mission in
avan, Wis., during the summer months.
will return to Chicago Seminary in the
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REDEDICATION SERVICES were held June 29
St. Paul's Church, Garnavillo, Iowa. Dr.
ter spoke. The church interior was beau-
ed, the pipe organ enlarged for the con-
gation's centennial which will be held
t year.

MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS for Peace
urch, Chester, Ill., include the remodeling
the pastor's study, new floors in the par-
age. The congregation is completing
ns to add a 30-foot addition to the church
king the sanctuary 80 feet long.

STEWARDSHIP meetings for Wartburg
irches in the vicinity of Sterling, Ill., were
d July 6, in West Jordan Church.

"YOU TAKE the service and I'll preach the
mon and take over the prayer following
. You know, I am sure, the reason for
occasion." These were the words of
sident Belter to the Rev. Arnold Kait-
uk on May 18, as one of the trustees of
Luke's Church, Campbell Hill, Ill., pinned
boutonniere on the surprised pastor's
vn. Following the service, a basket dinner
s served. In the afternoon an informal
vice, at which the neighboring pastors of
rtburg Synod took part, was held in com-
moration of Pastor Kaitschuk's 25th anni-
sary of ordination. A liberal purse was
sented him. His family gave him a silver
toral Cross.

At the recent convention of Wartburg
iod Pastor Kaitschuk was the first pastor
synod to have the silver or golden anni-
sary, in accord with the action of the 75th
vention of synod, observed on the floor
he convention.

ARNOLD H. KAITSCHUK

PEOPLE

GEORGE H. SHINEMAN, for 40 years superintendent of the Sunday School of St. John's Church, Canajoharie, N. Y. was recently presented with a Revised Standard Version of the New Testament in appreciation of his service.

THE REV. JOSEPH H. DEIBERT, new United Lutheran missionary to Argentina, will be commissioned in St. James Church, Geigertown, Pa., Aug. 3 by Dr. Fred J. Fiedler of the Board of Foreign Missions. Missionary Deibert will sail for South America Sept. 10.

MRS. DANIEL WARD, charter member of Christ Church, Bridgeton, N. J., for 61 years, recently received a gift of a wrist watch "in appreciation for (her) many years of faithful service as organist for the choir and pianist for the Sunday school of Christ Church."

JANICE PANNIER, of Mt. Zion Church, Northside Pittsburgh, Pa., was the 3,500th Pittsburgh High School senior to receive a certificate from the Council of Churches for courses in religious education.

MEMBERS of the Milwaukee Nurses Guild have adopted as a fall project the collection of uniforms and other wearing apparel for nurses in Europe. Mrs. Mercedes Rolefson, chairman of the drive, has announced that all members are being encouraged to bring contributions to the fall meeting to be held Sept. 8 at the headquarters of the Lutheran Welfare Society of Wisconsin. In previous drives, the group has sent more than 7,500 uniforms to nurses on the continent.

DR. CHARLES K. DERRICK, of St. John's Church, Atlanta, Ga., was honored by his congregation on his 25th ordination anniversary with a gift of a solid gold clergy cross designed and made by a member.

SINCE these groundbre ceremonies took place $75,000 addition to M Church, Grand Island, N the Rev. Martin G. Schn (center) and members o gregation have watche annex grow. The new ad will increase seating ca to 500 and is expected completed by late fall

NOVA SCOTIA:

Fourth of July Retreat Conducted For Layman, Led by Zeb Trexler

HALIFAX—A laymen's retreat, comprising men from many congregations of synod, was held at the Lutheran Youth Camp over the week-end of July 4-6. Zeb Trexler, associate secretary of ULCA stewardship, was in charge.

The Girls' Camp opened July 7 with a maximum registration. The Boys' Camp followed on July 16; the Luther Leaguers were to hold a retreat over the week-end of July 25-27. Dr. C. H. Whitteker was dean of the Girls' Camp, Pastor Wilfred Myra of the Boys' Camp.

THE REV. GEORGE DURST of Waterloo College is supplying in the Conquerall Parish for the summer . . . THE REV. WALLACE MINKE of Rose Bay parish has resigned, effective Aug. 31, to become pastor c Wiarton Parish in Ontario.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of Northern ference was held in St. Matthew's C Newburne, June 27. Miss Elfriede H gave a talk on the *Sunday School by* conducted throughout eastern Canada C. H. Whitteker, president of synod addressed the conference on the t *What is the church to me?* and *What a the church?* Officers re-elected were: ident, the Rev. Wilfred Myra; L Bertram Milbury, secretary-treasurer. offerings were voted for the Christian E Education campaign.

A SUCCESSFUL vacation church scho held in Resurrection Church, Halifax June 23 to July 4. Registration was 7

MISS FRANCES DYSINGER, promo secretary of the ULCA-WMS, made a weeks' campaign throughout synod interests of the WMS.

DOUGLAS A. CC

PENNSYLVANIA:

Over 5,300 "Bible in Daily Living" DVBS Texts and Workbooks Distrib

READING—There was a greater effectiveness in Lutheran vacation church s this year with the extended use of the "Bible In Daily Living" series. Over 5,300 books of the 1952 course were distributed locally, with over 1,000 additional of the Concordia course. Last year's enrollment in conference vacation church s was only 3,400.

SALEM CHURCH, Bethel, is the 42nd congregation of the Reading Conference to reach a century of service in its community. Observance of the centennial was note four special services, June 14-22. Fif the conference's 95 congregations r

ir second centenary this year.

CHARLES L. GLASE, banker, merchant and ic leader of Friedens Church, Oley, was en special recognition of his 50 years' vice as Bible class teacher and Sunday ool officer.

ZION CHURCH, Spies, took another step in rebuilding program; the chancel furnish-gs were recently secured and dedicated.

ST. DANIEL'S (The Corner Church), Robe-nia, completed its educational building a cost of $90,000. Services marking the dication and an anniversary program were ld during a four-week period. Highlight-g the observances was a pageant of the ngregation's 201-year history.

SCHWARZWALD CHURCH, Jacksonwald, oke ground for their new church plant. rst in the plans is a parish building and a rsonage attached. Later a new church ilding will follow.

ALTON F. HOFFMAN

EBRASKA:

ewardship Seminars to Train Laity; idland Has New Admissions Adviser

FREMONT—Plans were announced ly 2 for a statewide Christian steward-ip educational program among the 53 ousand members of the ULCA in ebraska. The plans were made at a int meeting of the Nebraska and Mid-est Synod stewardship committees in an l-day session at Tabitha Home.

The two synods will sponsor three instruc-n meetings in the state where 100 Ne-aska laymen will be trained to speak on ristian stewardship and the work of the LCA. These training meetings will be held Oshkosh Sept. 7 and at West Point and ncoln Sept. 14.

The 100 laymen will go from these meet-gs to speak to the 128 congregations in the o synods. They have 115 congregations Nebraska, 10 in Kansas and three in klahoma.

ROLL OF HONOR

Additions to the listing, by states, of those congregations **reporting** "The LUTHERAN In Every Home."

KANSAS

Ellis, Christ
William H. Goede

ILLINOIS

Champaign, Grace
E. J. Blenker

Liberty, Zion, St. Peter
Edward A. Cooperrider

OHIO

Cuyahoga Falls, St. Luke
Nevin B. Stover

Washingtonville, Trinity
John B. Gardner

Youngstown, St. Luke
Maynard A. Stull

Steuberville, Grace
Albert C. Burger

Mansfield, St. Paul
Henry Schaeffer

Rows, St. Peter
Robert H. Secrist

Fairborn, St. Mark
John H. Meister

Springfield, First
Frederick F. Mueller

Holgate, St. Peter
O. S. Goerner

New Philadelphia, Emmanuel
James N. Fisher

West Carrollton, Grace
E. Rudolph Walborn

Toledo, Bethany
J. Alfred Updegraff

LUVERN L. CUNNINGHAM, superintendent of the Snyder (Nebr.) public schools, has been named admissions counselor for Midland College, and will assume his new duties this fall. He succeeds Julius Melberg, who resigned June 1 to become public relations officer for a junior college in the s Iowa.

A GIFT OF $75 from the Salem (Fremont) Dorcas Society has been r by Central Seminary. The money used for paraments for the chapel the new seminary building.

THE REV. FOSTER CRESS, pastor Church, Allen, for 16 years, has acc call to the Eagle-Walton parish.

THE WOMEN'S Missionary Society Nebraska and Midwest Synods, and Women, are conducting a campa $16,835 among the synods supportir land College. The money is to re and refloor the rooms in Midland's Hall. Goal is to make all funds a this summer so the work may be co by the opening of college this fall ($ $2,325 of the funds have alread donated, according to Mrs. Mildre Fremont, chairman of the campaig mittee. PAUL WI

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DECEASED

Mrs. Philip S. Baringer

Mrs. Elizabeth M. Baringer, wife Philip S. Baringer, pastor of Trinity Baltimore, Md., died June 13.

A native of Kingston, N. Y., sh with her husband in pastorates he Philadelphia, Pa.; Kingston, N. Y.; New Jersey and for the last 20 yea more.

Surviving in addition to her husba daughter, Mrs. Robert Nonemacher N. Y., and three brothers.

The funeral service was conducted in Trinity Church, Baltimore, by M Synod President J. Frank Fife ass Pastors Howard H. Ritterpusch Charles J. Hines. Burial was in T Connecticut.

Mrs. Earl S. Rudisill

Mrs. L. Grace Rudisill, wife of S. Rudisill, secretary in charge of ad for the ULCA Parish and Churc

ırd and staff writer on THE LUTHERAN, 1 July 18 in Lankenau Hospital. She was

Mrs. Rudisill was married to Dr. Rudisill gust 20, 1915, was a graduate of the sburgh Musical Institute, and was active congregations in Pittsburgh, Aspinwall, , Elizabeth, N. J., Chicago, Ill., and was st lady" of Thiel College when Dr. Rudi- served as president of the Greeneville .) institution.

Surviving are her husband, a son, Fred L. disill, of Summit, N. J., three sisters, Mrs. ton Benner, Gettysburg, Pa., Mrs. John Appler, Ridgewood Park, N. J., and Mrs. nnis O. Byers, of Hagerstown, Md.

The funeral was conducted in Littlestown, , on July 21. Burial was in Gettysburg, Pa.

C. H. Stein

Dr. Curvin H. Stein, pastor of Messiah ırch, Sea Isle City, N. J., died July 2. was 67.

Born in Freysville, Pa., October 29, 1884, was graduated from Gettysburg College 1908 and from Gettysburg Seminary in 3. During his seminary days, he served instructor at Gettysburg Academy, and a graduate student at the University of psig the year following graduation. He licensed in 1912 by the West Pennsyl- ia Synod and was ordained in 1913 by Pittsburgh Synod. He served pastorates Braddock, Lock Haven and Sea Isle City. served his church as a member of the CA Board of Education, a member of synodical examining committee and was instructor at Camp Susquehanna.

urviving are his wife, Mrs. Grace Buente n, a daughter, Mrs. Robert S. Sassaman, rfolk, Va., and a son, Curvin H. Stein, of Sarnia, Ont., Canada, and four ndchildren.

The funeral service was held at Messiah ırch, Sea Isle City on July 4 by New ey Synod President Edwin H. Knudten sted by synodical Officers Donald C. Heft, yd P. Milleman. Burial was in York inty (Pa.) with Central Pennsylvania od President Dwight Putman in charge.

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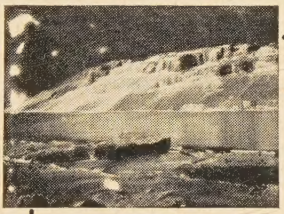

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In Conclusion . . . . . .

SOME OF THE PUBLIC PRAYERS recently made at the great political conventions provided a good reminder of what Jesus meant when He warned against "vain repetitions" and "much speaking."

Most of those who prayed seemed to feel the need to tell the Lord about world conditions and the progress of the conventions. Even a Roman Catholic cardinal, once set free from his rosary and missal, fell into all the cliches we usually associate with the sects.

Since all were about the same length, those who prayed were evidently allotted a certain amount of time to fill. How they filled it provided an illuminating lesson to the millions who listened to the radio or watched TV, as well as to the thousands crowded into the hall. How effective the prayers were, time will tell.

After listening to the assortment of convention prayers, it was much less hard to believe the old story about the minister who stood before his congregation one Sunday morning and intoned: "O Lord, as Thou hast read in the morning papers . . ."

EVEN THE BEST-INFORMED PEOPLE need to beware lest they be led into unsuspected pitfalls of prayer. The eucharistic prayer first proposed for inclusion in our soon-to-be-revised common service, for instance, presumed to tell the Lord what was in the Bible, which He doubtless already knows far better than we do.

Public prayers are best when they are simple, short and heartfelt. They ought to be clear enough that those who merely listen can really join in in spirit. "O Lord, be merciful to me, a sinner" is still a fine example of a good prayer, equally suitable for a political convention, a church service, or the privacy of a bedroom.

Another pitfall, of course, lies in the danger to fail to grow in prayer. of us learned some simple, beautiful ers in childhood. When grown-up find them adequate after many something has been stunted along the We ought to get closer to God with passing year. As we become on intimate terms, we can speak more and hear more clearly.

Repeating the Lord's Prayer h dangers, too. After a while we ac the talent of closing off our minds pletely while our lips accurately m the words. When that happens, warning sign on our spiritual pathw which we'd better pay attention.

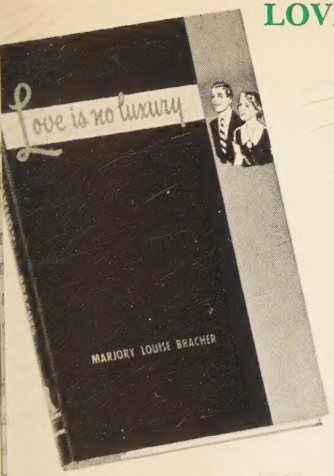
WHEN WE STUDY THE BIBLE w wonderful helps for a full praye Jesus never found it necessary to e in prayer about the political situat His day. His prayers give us mar examples of a soul in communion God.

We Lutherans can be proud of th itage of prayer given us in the litt lects which form part of the prope ings for each Sunday of the churc In sharp, succinct and dignified for pack great meaning into a few wo

There's always room for improv in our praying. It ought to be o to pray more sincerely, more oft more effectively. That applies to t ple Grace before meals, the pra church and in public places, and all to the earnest private petitions bring our needs before the Thr Grace.

Simple words and phrases that w with all our hearts make up good p God regards our hearts, not the elo of our lips.

—ALBERT P. STAUDER



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